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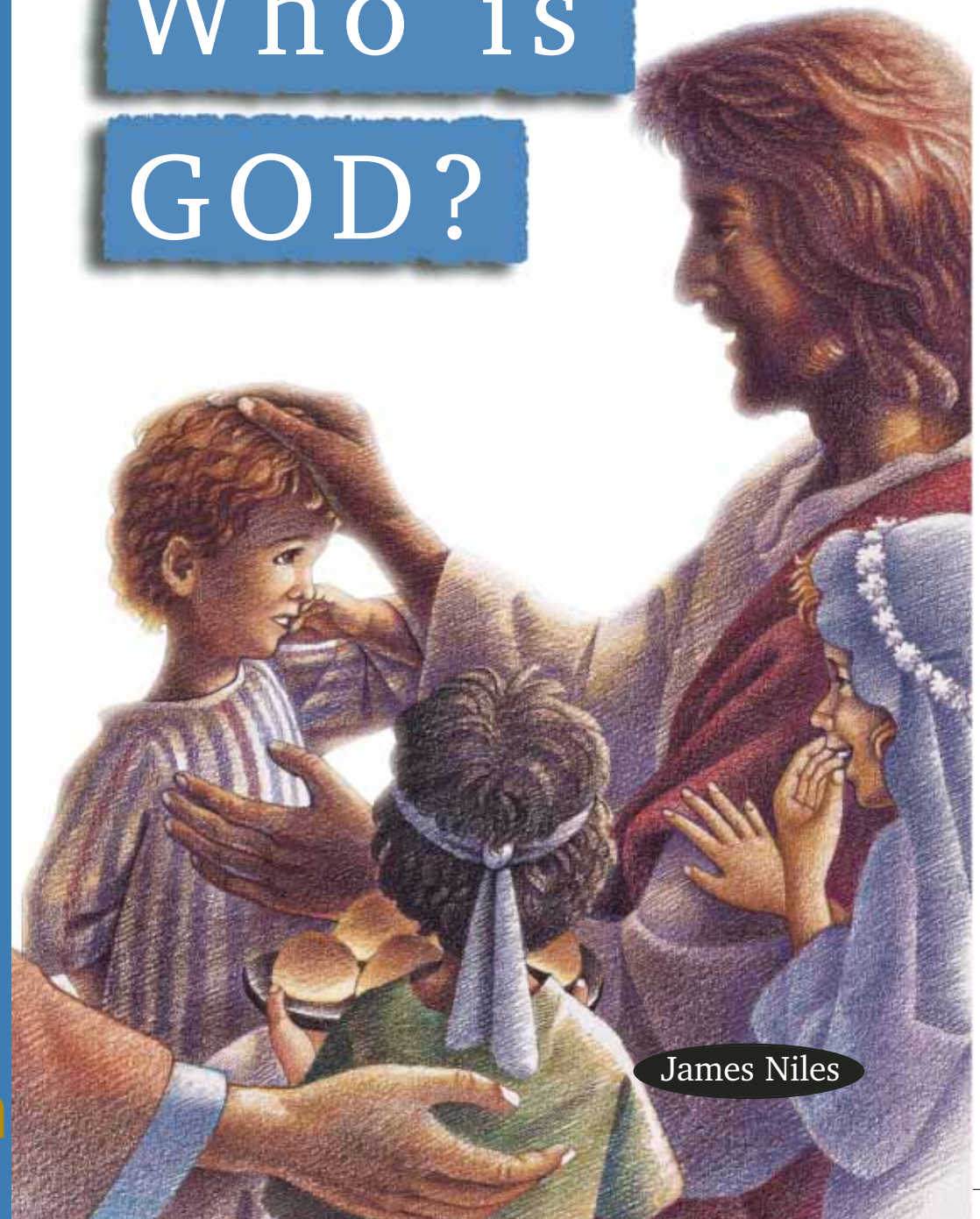


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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

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Salvation unfolds and blossoms through the growing reality of GOD, unveiled in CHRIST JESUS, *within us*.

It is written (in John 1:16-17): **“For of HIS Fullness we have *all* received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were *realized* through JESUS CHRIST.”**

The Word Of GOD declares that it is our *destiny* to enter the *actuality* of loving the LORD our GOD with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength! This is the reality of GOD’s Law Of Life fulfilled.

The essential purpose of salvation is therefore, to bring each and every one of us into the fulfilled reality of loving GOD with all of our being. This is GOD’s highest miracle of grace unveiled. There will be none greater than this miracle of love, unfolded in the heart of every person alive in GOD and, alive by GOD.

From this unfolding miracle of loving the LORD our GOD, will unfold every other wonder of the excellence of GOD realized and, expressed in a growing lifestyle.

Remember, this process of coming to know GOD is GOD's miracle of (HIS) love unfolded and fulfilled in us.

GOD is proclaiming the *fact* that when we actually come to know HIM, we will come to love HIM in such a manner that it will entirely consume our heart, soul and mind, in a strength formed and framed in HIS love for us.

This is what salvation means to open to our heart, as a reality of life eternal. AMEN! Salvation means to enable us to live by GOD through HIS love that captivates us.

When I was born-again it was the reality of GOD that overwhelmed me. That reality (passion) continues to be the driving force in my life. This is GOD's miracle of love. GOD has by HIS great love drawn me into a reality of simply being fascinated with HIM and HIS awesome purposes.

It was through the writings of A.W. Tozer that GOD stirred the potentials of the pursuit of GOD into my heart. As I began to spend much time pursuing GOD through Scripture, I began to *realize* the GOD-given desire, that I actually wanted to get into, and find, total expression in the *reality* of GOD.

It is the reality of GOD that is the essence and purpose of Scripture. This book has the intent of opening some facets of this reality. It is my prayer that you too will get excited with GOD so as to *receive* the desire to pursue HIM!

It is *not difficult* to pursue the heart of GOD when we come to actually see the cross and, understand what has been opened in the cross for each and every one of us. The reality of the LORD JESUS' *all-sufficient sacrifice* opens the heart of GOD to our understanding. It also opens the intent of GOD's provision to our understanding.

In the book of Genesis, the reality of YAHWEH-Jireh (GOD Our Provider) is opened to us in the reality of a sacrifice. It is of great importance to always *understand* and *remember* that GOD's provision - by HIS Name - opens to us at the cross.

The reality of being a temple unto GOD opens from an understanding of the all-sufficient sacrifice of the LORD JESUS. HIS sacrifice enables every good thing and every perfect gift to come to us from GOD our FATHER and, to be expressed from the temple of our being to the glory of GOD.

Every facet of communion begins at the cross. The cross is GOD's Way of ensuring that we have (and continue to have) the right perspectives of HIM. GOD's Way opens with out-stretched arms expressed on a cross at Calvary. GOD's Way is always perfect and complete in HIS love unfolding in our heart, in HIS perfect timing.

GOD explains the unfolding of Truth in HIMSELF as a rest in HIM:
"Cease striving and *know* that I AM GOD!" AMEN!

In this pursuit of GOD, we must remember that GOD never disappoints. This is the Testament of the cross.

If we keep our inward eyes on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, *rest* in HIM and, *never replace HIM* with a set of clever sounding principles or religious practices, we *will* each enter the wealth of the FATHER's heart.

To realize this reality, we will need to cultivate a partnership with GOD the HOLY SPIRIT. However, this is a subject that we will pursue in detail in other books.

In this book we will simply introduce the reality of **"I AM *The Way!*"**

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The Reality Of Faith

In our introduction to this “Salvation Series” we said that GOD saves us by HIS Name and, vindicates us by HIS power. We also proclaimed the fact that GOD reveals HIS Name to us *only* through the LORD JESUS CHRIST. And, we said that this conduit of the revelation of GOD, in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, was proclaimed by the prophets centuries before the advent (arrival) of the MAN JESUS into recorded history.

We have learnt that the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the WORD Of GOD, became flesh in order to enable us to be saved, by the Name Of GOD being unveiled in us in a process of salvation. This process of salvation commences with us each being born again. And, develops as we grow in the LORD JESUS.

We have also learnt that we enter into the reality of being saved, through being born-again, by *confessing* with our mouths JESUS as LORD; *believing* in our hearts that GOD raised HIM from the dead, so that we will each live *by HIM* being alive in

our hearts and in our lives. And, by HIM unveiling HIS Fullness into us, so that we are able to live by HIM.

As the LORD JESUS declared (in John 3:3,5): **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom Of GOD. ... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of Water and the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the Kingdom Of GOD.”**

Please be reminded that the spiritual reality of being born again so as to be alive to the Kingdom Of GOD is a sovereign act of GOD. Through this supernatural process GOD opens us to HIS actuality. And, we come alive to HIM *inwardly*.

The *inward witness* that *sees* the Kingdom Of GOD and, the witness that *enters* the Kingdom Of GOD is a witness given to us by GOD HIMSELF (see 1 John 5:10, the first part). It is a witness that is alive to GOD; and, this aliveness within us is *entirely* from GOD. This witness is not from man.

Having entered the reality of being born again what should our focus be? How do we continue to grow spiritually? It is the intent of this book to provide this direction.

What is outlined in this book is not the conventional approach to spiritual growth. But what is outlined is a focus on GOD that will enable us to understand the Bible in the right perspective and, enable us to see spiritual growth as coming directly from GOD, as HIS handiwork is unveiled in our life (see Ephesians 2:10).

When I was born again in 1988, I was awakened in my heart to the all encompassing importance of knowing GOD and functioning *in* HIM and *by* HIM. About six months later, the LORD convicted me of the *need* to discover HIS love and come to love HIM. In late 1990, when I had begun ministry, the LORD gave me the desire to *live and function* in HIS enabling strength.

In all of the writings that we have produced since 1992, the focus has always been on communion with GOD being the basis for supernatural growth. This book is no exception.

I have come to see GOD as being the be all and end all of my life. The results I have experienced in all facets of my life have been a blessed and steadily growing fulfillment. It is that same reality of growing fulfillment in the beauty and excellence of the LORD that this book seeks to communicate.

At times it may *appear* difficult to comprehend some of the facets of revelation being presented in this book but, keep at it by *asking* GOD to open your heart to understand HIM and to love HIM; and, HE will in HIS perfect timing open to you a reality in HIM that will one day become the very purpose of your life.

GOD Is Life

GOD is the most *exciting* and *rewarding* “reality” in life. In fact, the Word Of GOD instructs us that HE is life. Through

this book we intend to communicate the beginnings of this vision to your heart.

Once you capture the flavour of this revelation, you will thirst for GOD, to discover HIS enabling to do *all* things in *word* and *deed*. There is so much that GOD wants to bring forth in each one of us. But, this will only happen when we come to know HIM so as to be able to live *by* HIM.

GOD has trained me and blessed me by drawing me to HIM. This book is written to communicate the potentials of the realm of blessings that come *from HIM*, by HIS PERSON, in HIS Name. This is part and parcel of the *growing* reality of HIS salvation, unveiled in HIS great love for each one of us - personally.

“WHO IS GOD?” is an invitation to enter the reality of an answer that, will consume all eternity. It is an adventure like no other. It is a blessing like no other. It is a ***reality*** that is a privilege given by divine writ. A reality fashioned into us as a living and growing inward witness (see 1 John 5:10,6-8, NKJV).

In this book, we shall introduce the perspectives in which GOD expects HIS Name, revealed in the LORD JESUS CHRIST (see John 17:6, 26), to establish and fulfill our reality of salvation.

We invite you to catch a vision of GOD, as HE opens to your heart the awesomeness of ***HIS invitation*** to know HIM, as it is presented by divine writ in the written Word Of GOD - the Bible.

We shall unveil this reality of GOD's Name against the backdrop of its historic perspective so that it is clearly understood that the revelation is orchestrated by GOD and not by any single person or corporate entity.

We shall also explain the Name Of GOD as a **revelation** and a **Testimony** that needs to be discovered and taken hold of, by **faith** realized **from** HIM and by **faith** expressed **in** HIM.

But, before we can get to grips with the realities in GOD's Name, let us first come to grips with the miracle of **true** faith.

The Miracle Of *True* Faith

Faith is a necessity in any form of human endeavour. If there was no faith there would be no sense of direction and, no sense of achievement. Faith is therefore not some "flaky" concept with no reality associated with it. **Faith is real**. Faith (or, the absence of faith) underlies every kind of reality experienced by the human race.

*Faith, expressed in any form, has **tangible** and **measurable** results. We can evaluate faith by the **nature** of all that comes alive **in us** and from us.*

Distinguishing The True And False Forms Of Faith

There are *true* and *false* forms of faith. We must understand the difference between the two and, *learn* to cultivate true faith. Because, true faith is the medium in which GOD *communicates*

with us and *bleses* us in HIS power and, in all that HE enables in us and through us - from HIS PERSON and HIS Nature and HIS purposes.

HE is a *rewarder* of true faith (see Hebrews 11:6). And, true faith reveals the reality of GOD with understanding and, with ***verifiable results*** that will build each one of us in the *nature* and *reality* of GOD.

It is the nature and reality of GOD - HIS awesome beauty, power and wonder - that is the testimony of true faith. This is why Scripture presents the fundamental reality of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as being ***Wonderful*** (see Isaiah 9:6-7).

In Hebrews 11:3, we are told at the very beginning of the verse that understanding comes by faith. Since GOD communicates through faith, it should not surprise us that faith results in understanding.

True faith reveals GOD and all that GOD is doing. Proverbs 9:10, tells us that understanding is an expression that arises from knowing GOD. ***So faith is a crucial reality*** that enables the unseen - in GOD and of GOD - to be “seen”, “realized” and, “experienced”.

Both *true* and *false* forms of faith manifest realities that can be experienced. True faith is evaluated by what is experienced of GOD in HIS Sovereign awesomeness.

True faith testifies of GOD in a verifiable reality. The fact is, GOD transforms us and, that reality is entirely verifiable. The

fact is, GOD impacts our lives and *all* that we are doing in word and deed. And, this reality too is verifiable and measurable from the witness of our heart and mind.

There is a faith that deifies the human person and, there is a faith that exalts GOD. The first reality that deifies the human person is a reality in falsehood. Simply because man is no god in himself. And, man pretending to be “godlike” is both falsehood and foolishness because the “reality” can’t be sustained.

False faith is therefore the reality of putting on a pretense.

True faith on the other hand is not self-denominated; instead, true faith sees the excellence of GOD and gives HIM all the glory. *True faith comes from GOD.* True faith has in fact to be received (see Hebrews 12:2, the first part).

True faith is not something that originates from man; instead, *true faith manifests from the righteousness of GOD* in HIS PERSON and, in all that HE has accomplished, and is accomplishing, as an actual Testimony of HIS Stature as GOD (see Romans 3:21-23, *KJV*).

[What is righteousness? Righteousness simply means “right action” - in truth. ***And, truth carries the evidence of setting us free from sin and evil.*** And, such an actuality is entirely verifiable in our inward man.

The righteousness of GOD has the purpose of setting us free and enabling us to be righteous in all that we do in word and deed.

GOD's righteousness saves us. GOD's righteousness blesses us and enables us to live *by HIM* and, to live by all that *HE brings* into our life.]

Faith Has The Purpose Of Discovering GOD

Faith is therefore the necessary *medium* - in Truth - in which we come to discover GOD and HIS righteousness. In fact, it is the discovery of GOD *and HIS righteousness* that makes faith a necessity. And, ***true faith*** is the means by which we are blessed in the wonder of GOD and in all that comes *from HIM*.

Faith Is A Gift Received And Developed

In 2 Peter 1:1, the apostle Peter, prior to his death (circa 65 A.D.), teaches us that the faith that he has lived and ministered with, was *given* to him *by the righteousness of our GOD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST*.

In Hebrews 12:2, we are told that ***JESUS*** is the ***Author*** and the ***Finisher*** of our faith; implying, that the LORD JESUS is actively involved in fashioning our faith - in real time. And, the reason why HE is doing so, is because the quality of our faith determines the quality of our life and the continuity of our life.

Faith also determines all that is expressed from our life. Faith is not mere belief, but instead, faith formed has an *evidence*, expressed in tangible and verifiable terms from the witness of our heart and mind that can be evaluated (see Hebrews 11:1, NKJV).

True faith is proven in the reality of Truth that sets us free from slavery to sin, free from the actual desire to sin.

Understanding True Faith

In Acts 3:12,16 the apostle Peter after facilitating a miracle of healing on a lame man clarifies the basis of the miracle in the following terms: “**Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him (the lame man) walk?**

... It is the Name Of JESUS that has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and *the faith which comes through HIM* has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.”

Peter here reveals the key to true Christian living. The righteousness of GOD that the Name Of JESUS opens, ***by the Faith Of JESUS CHRIST expressed for us***, for our life and our salvation. The supernatural, ***perfect faith*** which comes to us *through* the LORD JESUS CHRIST, in HIS Name; as we receive HIM in Truth, by our belief and faith in HIM.

True faith must involve two elements: (i) a foundational realm of GOD’s righteousness that expresses the Name Of JESUS and, releases **HIS faith expression for us**; and, (ii) a reality of belief and faith in HIM, by which, *we draw from HIM - HIS Faith* - in order to do *all* things *in* HIM and *by* HIM, in HIS Faith realized as our faith in HIM (see I John 1:16-17).

To be able to do all things in HIM and by HIM is called true life! John 14:12 expresses the potentials of this faith reality realized vividly: **“If you ask ME anything in MY Name, I will do it.”**

Note that there are two realms of faith being mentioned here. One is the realm of faith that GOD has expressed (by HIS righteousness) in CHRIST JESUS *for our realization*. The second is the faith that arises from what we choose to enter into, in our own free will *response* to GOD’s righteousness unveiled in JESUS CHRIST.

When the two realms are in *agreement in GOD’s will*, GOD does the supernatural in us and through us. And, in this process we come to see GOD and to know HIM.

That is, the evidence of our faith will be the beauty and greatness of GOD. Our faith will also carry the evidence of HIS Nature bringing forth change and transformation *in us*, by HIS power!

It is GOD’s purpose to establish this reality of true faith in every one of us - *from* and *by* the reality of the Name Of JESUS. The Name Of Jesus is the conduit that enables us to receive the righteousness of GOD. The conduit of the Name Of JESUS is meaningfully described in a spiritual framework called the Testimony Of JESUS.

There is something that we need to catch immediately, before we explore the realities of growing in our Christian faith. When we were born again, it is GOD WHO gave us the faith to see JESUS

as LORD. It is GOD WHO convicted us of the Truth. The reality of what GOD gave us, manifested (or, became alive in us) when ***we responded by receiving*** from our heart.

In all of our Christian growth we need to *always* expect GOD to be the Author and the Finisher of our faith. To expect, means that we need to be alive (in hope) to all that HE is doing and, to all that HE is able to do in HIS power.

The Faith Of GOD Realized Fashions Us In Our Response To HIM

The faith of JESUS CHRIST, is the faith of GOD made available to us in human terms. The faith of JESUS CHRIST, is the faith of GOD ***configured in human terms*** so that we will be fully enabled by GOD - by HIS righteousness realized.

It is the faith of GOD that will move mountains. It is the faith of GOD, that comes alive in us as a true faith reality. This is a faith reality in which, the LORD JESUS will clearly be evidenced as the Author and Finisher of.

This faith that the LORD JESUS authors and finishes is the ***perfect and complete*** faith by which GOD has ordained our destiny to unfold before the eyes of our heart. In this perfect and complete faith are we fashioned, even as we respond to HIM by faith in HIM.

HIS perfect and complete faith, and our response to HIS perfect and complete faith, is the faith medium that will transform our lives and cause us to grow by leaps and bounds.

It is GOD's faith alive in us as our faith in HIM that enables us to see things in GOD's understanding. And in this understanding GOD fashions us supernaturally.

True Faith Is Of The “Substance” Of HIS PERSON And HIS Nature

True faith is ***not*** mind science, mind over matter or some other *self-centered* or *self-denominated* equivalent. True faith does not deify man; instead, true faith arises in the *realization* of the reality and excellence of GOD HIMSELF.

True faith is of the “substance” (Greek: “hupostasis”) of HIS PERSON and HIS Nature, *enabling* the righteous reality of HIS *will* and HIS *purpose* to unfold in our lives as a growing blessing forever.

True faith realized, *always* glorifies GOD by causing us to actually want to worship HIM with awe and love in our heart.

The Word Of GOD gives us a many-faceted insight into the miracle of true faith that comes from GOD. In this faith formation, we come to ***know*** HIM; and as a consequence, come to ***adore*** HIM and come to ***love*** HIM.

Given the fact that GOD Is Truth, ***true faith*** must necessarily come from HIM. This realm of true faith was established, *for our realization*, by the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

This is one of the reasons as to why HE came into our midst as a man - to give mankind a reality or, a conduit of true faith that draws *exclusively* from GOD, in Truth.

True Faith Enables GOD's Will To Fashion Our Lifestyle

In John 5:19-20, the LORD JESUS describes the dynamics of true faith, that HE gave life to in HIS manhood, in the following terms: **“Truly, truly, I say to you, the SON can do *nothing* of HIMSELF, unless it is something HE sees the FATHER doing; for whatever the FATHER does, these things the SON also does in like manner.**

For the FATHER loves the SON, and shows HIM all things that HE HIMSELF is doing; and greater works than these will HE show HIM that you may marvel.”

What we see being described by the LORD JESUS in this passage, is a faith reality that “sees” in communion with GOD.

A faith reality in which GOD unveils *HIS plans* and *HIS directions* for man. The LORD JESUS came as a man in order to establish and fulfill a reality of true faith that will always seek GOD's plans and directions for man.

True faith has the intent of seeing what GOD is doing. True faith has the intent of understanding the righteousness of GOD. True faith receives GOD's will and purpose.

True faith is GOD-centered and not man-centered or, self-centered. True faith seeks a reality of functioning in GOD and by GOD; and, not in our ourselves.

The Testimony Of JESUS Is Our Medium Of True Faith Realization And Expression

The faith reality the LORD JESUS established for us, is expressed in a spiritual framework (and reality) that the Word Of GOD addresses as the ***Testimony Of JESUS***.

The same ***substance*** of the LORD JESUS' faith reality, is to come to us, in and by the LORD JESUS Testimony, ***revealed*** and ***perfected*** in our hearts.

Notice, from the passage from John 5:19-20 above, that the intent (and proof) of true faith is that ***we will actually marvel at GOD!*** This becomes our realization of how awesome GOD is. This realization is a living witness within us.

In the passage quoted previously on the miracle of healing (from Acts 3:12,16), Peter takes hold of that faith that the LORD JESUS established and, the lame man gets up and walks. It is GOD WHO makes the lame man walk - not Peter.

Only GOD has creative and healing power. But, Peter has become a conduit of GOD's creative and healing power through the reality of **true faith**.

True faith is of the stature of the SON (CHRIST JESUS) HIMSELF - HIS faith alive, through Peters faith in HIM. Peter's faith in HIM *was received from HIM* (see 2 Peter 1:1).

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) gives us further insight: **“CHRIST liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the SON Of GOD, WHO loved me, and gave HIMSELF for me.”**

Speaking of how we are justified by the Righteousness Of GOD, expressed through the faith *of* JESUS CHRIST, Romans 3:20-23 (KJV) explains: **“Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in HIS sight: for by the Law is the knowledge of sin.**

But now the Righteousness Of GOD without the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets; even the Righteousness Of GOD which is by faith of JESUS CHRIST unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the Glory Of GOD.”

True Faith Justifies In The Righteousness Of GOD Realized

The above passage speaks of us being justified by the Righteousness Of GOD. But how is this so? By the faith of JESUS CHRIST unto all and upon all that believe in HIM.

The LORD JESUS is the PERSONified expression of the Righteousness Of GOD. HE took hold of GOD's salvation reality as a man and HE brought it alive for us in HIS manhood, ***by HIS faith in GOD.***

By faith in HIM, we draw what GOD established through the man JESUS, ***by HIS faith*** (JESUS faith) for our salvation.

JESUS faith is the faith of GOD given to us - as a functional reality in GOD. In order to enable us to function in this faith reality, the LORD JESUS must always be the *Author* and the *Finisher* of our faith.

The faith of GOD comes to you and me - exclusively - through the LORD JESUS CHRIST, as HE (the LORD JESUS) comes alive in our heart through the revelation of the Word Of GOD.

The LORD JESUS came to give true expression to the written Word Of GOD. **This written Word needs to find its true expression in our hearts through the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

In Luke 24:44 the LORD JESUS explains to HIS disciples that all that is written of HIM, in the Law Of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms ***must be fulfilled!***

The fulfillment comes into us and amongst us by the faith of JESUS CHRIST. The faith of JESUS CHRIST enables GOD's righteousness to find **true** expression in us and amongst us. This expression in us is born of JESUS faith. This revealed and realized expression of JESUS faith, fashions our faith in GOD.

[John 1:16 and Ephesians 2:10 give us astonishing insights of what GOD has given us in CHRIST JESUS, in HIS Fullness given to us. John 1:16 declares that we have each received of HIS Fullness! Ephesians 2:10 tells that we are each being inwardly (in spirit and soul) *created* in HIS Fullness!]

The Word Revealed In The LORD JESUS Is The Righteousness Of GOD Realized

The LORD JESUS came to make the written Word Of GOD, in its entirety, alive to us, by revelation realized in HIM and, through HIM. The Word Of GOD being explained through the faith of JESUS realized in our witness.

Now, all of the Law Of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms were written hundreds of years before the advent of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Yet, HE says that all of these find their true meaning and fulfillment in HIM and by HIM!

Now this should not surprise us, because the LORD JESUS is addressed in the New Testament as GOD the WORD (see John 1:1-4,12-18). This is why HE is the fulfillment of all Scripture, because HE is GOD the WORD.

Now if the LORD JESUS were simply only a mere man, or a “special creation”, the idea of HIM fulfilling the Scriptures - in eternity - would not even begin to happen. Because, no creature can be created to express infinitude!

But, given the fact that HE is GOD the WORD, WHO became

flesh in order to express in “*eternal* Word terms” our salvation, we can catch a glimpse of ***a realm of true faith that carries the fulfillment of all Scripture - forever.***

This intent and purpose and actuality of eternal and abiding fulfillment of Scripture, is the Righteousness Of GOD. This is the reality of GOD’s blessings being made alive in us. This reality when realized in us, in our own free will response to HIM, enables us to be blessed in HIM and through HIM - forever.

GOD’s Word Has The Intent Of Fulfilling Our Lives In HIS Righteousness

In this realm of the eternal Word, GOD’s Word is prophetic - that is, GOD’s Word carries the inherent reality of fulfillment within it. That is GOD’s Word is by definition meant for fulfillment.

Now these “eternal Word terms” have been expressed in written terms in the Bible so that we would be able to take hold of them ***from GOD through revelation*** (see Mark 4:22-25).

That ability to take hold by revelation, is what we receive from the faith of JESUS.

GOD is Light and, ***revelation*** is the means by which GOD ***enlightens*** us with ***HIS*** Light (see Ephesians 1:17-18). HIS Light expresses HIS Righteousness (in goodness and love and truth) towards us. HIS Light enlightens us by revelation.

The substance and intensity of our enlightenment comes from the faith of JESUS. Because HE is, in HIS faith unto us and upon us, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

The Expression Of Faith That Covers Us

When the LORD JESUS went to the cross in HIS manhood, HE went to it by faith in GOD (see Matthew 26:30-56). When the LORD JESUS forgave us on the cross, HE expressed HIS love for us, by faith in GOD; that, that love, will save us in the power of GOD (see Luke 23:26-43).

When the LORD JESUS gave up HIS (human) spirit to GOD the FATHER on the cross, HE did so by faith that GOD would raise HIM from the dead, and so, justify HIS faith in GOD ***for us*** so that we would live by HIM, through HIS faith being made alive in us (see Matthew 26:30-32,57-68; Luke 23:44-47).

HIS faith expressed in love, that the LORD JESUS expressed in the FATHER on our behalf, has saved us and enabled us to experience salvation through the born again experience.

And, HIS faith will ***continue*** to enable us to experience the reality of salvation - through the ***fulfillment*** of GOD's Word in our lives - by the faith of JESUS CHRIST made alive into us; and, by HIS love for us realized and actualized in all that we do in word and deed.

This is why the LORD JESUS expresses HIMSELF to us in

these mind-boggling terms (in John 6:48): **“I AM The Bread Of Life.”** We can only find true life if HE becomes the Bread Of Life. HE must feed us completely in HIS Fullness.

Faith Enables Revelation Through Understanding

We receive JESUS as the Bread Of Life when we receive HIM *by revelation* from the FATHER (see Ephesians 1:17-18). In this revelation, is the “faith substance” of GOD’s great love, that holds the revelation of HIS salvation and its every blessing (and its fulfillment) in place in eternity.

This is why the Book Of Deuteronomy 29:29 declares: **“The secret things belong to the LORD our GOD, but the things *revealed* belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this Law.”**

There is something important to catch here. This verse declares that revelation from GOD **enables us to observe or perform** the words of GOD’s Law. This ability to observe GOD’s Law, involves a change of nature and, a supernatural *enabling received* through the process of revelation.

Revelation enables us to receive (with understanding) the faith of GOD. This revelation actually unveils HIS Righteousness expressed in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. We are transformed because of the power of GOD’s righteous love, that fulfills a change in us according to HIS faith for us.

When received in CHRIST JESUS, the revelation process

enables a faith in GOD to be formed in us - with understanding. This faith receives the Righteousness Of GOD - in substantive, enlightened terms (see Hebrews 11:1; Ephesians 1:17-18).

And, we are changed by the Righteousness Of GOD expressed into us. We are changed through what is revealed by HIS faith for us. We are saved in the realization of the righteous expression of HIS great love for us.

Faith finds *clarity* in GOD's love realized. And, this is because HIS love fashions a new nature in HIS righteousness within us. Therefore, faith without love is actually useless, since it is GOD's love realized that changes us and fulfills GOD's Law in us.

There Is An Enabling Available For Us

What is revealed brings into us that which will change and actually transform us, so as to enable us to do what we would otherwise be unable to do.

This "supernatural enabling" is the substance of CHRIST JESUS' faith "***unto all and upon all them that believe***" - expressed in the actuality of HIS great love for us (see Luke 23:33-34; Romans 5:8).

A faith that *transforms* in love comes from GOD, not from man. Because, only GOD Is Love.

Our faith (received in, and from, the LORD JESUS) is **proven** by the results that we see being made alive in us and through us.

GOD expects to *prove* the reality of HIS Name in our lives. Faith *communicates* this proof into our very person and being and life.

And, as this revelation of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and all that HE has accomplished for us in HIS merits, *unravels* in our heart and our life, we come to *realize* the awesome meaning and reality of our salvation.

We come into this realization through the reality of HIS love, realized from the substance of HIS faith unveiled within our heart.

Faith Has The Intent Of A Growing Relationship With GOD

In this process of realization, we come to know GOD in deeply personal terms, as the LORD JESUS is revealed to us. We come to see GOD the FATHER in the understanding of GOD the SON.

This is the understanding we have received by faith from HIM and, the understanding we have realized (and perfected) by faith in HIM.

This faith, brought alive in us by HIS love, is a **treasure** that we must guard. Because without this faith it is **impossible** to please GOD.

Hebrews 11:6 expresses this reality in precise terms:

“... Without faith it is impossible to please HIM, for he who comes to GOD must believe that HE IS, and that HE is a rewarder of those who seek HIM.”

This faith that enables us to be pleasing to GOD is defined in clear and unambiguous terms. In John 14:6-12, the LORD JESUS declares: **“I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the FATHER, but through ME.**

If you had known ME, you would have known MY FATHER also; from now on you know HIM, and have seen HIM.

... He who has seen ME has seen the FATHER. ... I AM in the FATHER, and the FATHER is in ME.

The words that I say to you I do not speak on MY own initiative, but the FATHER abiding in ME does HIS works. Believe ME that I AM in the FATHER, and the FATHER in ME; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes ME, the works that I do shall he do also ...”

What we are saying is that GOD reveals HIMSELF in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, in the reality of a faith that GOD fashioned in CHRIST JESUS for us; brought alive into us by HIS great love for us.

What is revealed is exclusively of HIS righteousness which, has the intent of enabling us to live in a reality that is entirely of HIM and HIS merits and, not of ourselves.

This is a reality of GOD in CHRIST JESUS, that is *prophetically* (which means a reality to be *fulfilled*) called “*the Mount Of The LORD*”.

In this reality (of the Mount Of The LORD) realized, *we are enabled* to live by all that HE IS; and, by all that HE seeks to accomplish in us as an expression of HIS love unveiled in righteousness. This is why the LORD JESUS declared in John 14:6, that HE is *the* Way, and *the* Truth and *the* Life.

In this realization, comes a living and growing relationship and communion with GOD. This inward reality is being described as an access into a spiritual mountain (of reality) that is of the LORD GOD, opened into us as a growing functional reality - forever.

Okay, let's take a break! We seem to have started this book at the deep end! But, a correct understanding of faith is vital to our growth.

In the understanding of this reality of true faith, realized in GOD's righteousness and HIS love unveiled to us, in CHRIST JESUS, we will in the next chapter, go back in space and time and pick up the building blocks of all that we have spoken of and, see what realities GOD means to unveil in us and amongst us in, and by, HIS Name.

In this unveiling, we will come to see WHO GOD IS!

In Summary

In this chapter, we have learnt that true faith enables the righteousness of GOD to find *actual* expression and fulfillment in us.

GOD changes us in HIS power expressed in HIS righteousness. But, we have to receive this power by faith in HIM.

God enables this supernatural process of change and transformation through the faith of JESUS CHRIST “*unto all and upon all them that believe*”.

This process of change and transformation is realized within us, with an understanding that is supernaturally fashioned from the Testimony Of JESUS.

This *understanding* unveils GOD to us in an *intimacy* that knows HIM (see Proverbs 9:10). This intimacy the LORD JESUS opened for us, by *HIS faith* in GOD.

We have, through the medium of faith, come to realize this intimacy - supernaturally!

It is the revelation of the Word, that gives clarity to the faith that we must pursue in, and by, the LORD JESUS. GOD uses HIS Word revealed in CHRIST JESUS to *create* us in our inward parts (see Ephesians 2:10; 4:23-24).

When we pursue the Word revealed faith, that is in and of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, we will experience the inward reality of supernatural change and transformation by the power and excellence of *HIS faith* for us.

A Personal Note On Receiving From GOD

You don't have to necessarily memorize GOD's Word, you simply have to receive revelation with understanding with your heart and imagination, committing every revelation received into the hands of GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, for establishment and fulfillment.

Rest in HIS revealed Word and the HOLY SPIRIT will form the construct of HIS Word - by the medium of faith - into your heart and your imaginative mind, supernaturally (see Hebrews 8:10-11; 10:15-16).

This is the reality of spiritual growth in the Kingdom Of GOD. Mark 4: 26-28 describes this faith process of growth, as follows: ***“And HE was saying, “The Kingdom Of GOD is like a man who casts seed upon the soil, and goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts up and grows - how, he himself does not know.*”**

The soil produces crops by itself, first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.

In time, you will be astonished at the awesome reality of actually

being taught by GOD. You will be amazed at the faith fashioned knowledge and understanding of Scripture made alive within you in JESUS Name.

Scripture declares that it is GOD's will and purpose to teach each and every one of us - personally (see John 6:45; Isaiah 54:13; Jeremiah 31:33-34). AMEN!

Please re-read this chapter on faith again and please take time to understand the following building blocks of true faith:

- True faith is built in GOD's righteousness, described in HIS Word and made alive to us in and by and through the LORD JESUS CHRIST, through what HE accomplished for us through the cross.
- GOD's righteousness is expressed into us by the faith of JESUS CHRIST that went to the cross for us. On the cross, HE loved us by forgiving us. On the cross, HE expressed a faith that triumphed over death for us. This faith is made alive in us by HIS love for us. And, this faith saves us in HIS love. This faith also stands over our life forever in the actuality of HIS love.
- We receive GOD's righteousness by responding to the LORD JESUS CHRIST. By responding to all that HE did for us, by HIS faith crystallized, in and by, HIS love for us. ***When HIS faith establishes our faith in GOD, we will see GOD in astonishing terms.***

GOD Has A Name

WHO IS GOD? In this chapter we will come to *see* how GOD has actually made HIMSELF known to us. We will unveil the core of the revelation and, in the rest of this book, come to understand the building blocks that enable us to *see* GOD.

We will unveil this revelation from the reality that GOD has a Name. And, we will in the process discover that the unveiling of GOD's Name describes WHO HE IS and, also describes all THAT HE IS. HIS salvation finds its true meaning and fulfillment, in us and amongst us, from the *actualities* of HIS Name revealed or, unveiled into our inward witness. This is the inward witness of our heart and mind.

Our journey of discovery begins in history around 1400 B.C., with a man named Moses. At this point in his life, Moses is a defeated man. He is 80 years old. Raised as a prince of Egypt, he was banished into exile at about the age of forty. Now 40 years

later, the best years of his life are apparently gone forever and, he is simply an old man looking after his father-in-law's flock.

At this point in space and time, Moses is a nobody, forgotten and of no consequence to almost anybody - except GOD!

From this point, Moses life unfolds in a unique success story. But he is entirely in this success story the product of GOD's Hand. And, the excellence that Moses will now walk into, from this time forth and forever, is of GOD alone.

This is the man that GOD has chosen to present HIS Name to. This is the man that GOD has chosen to receive HIS Law. This is the man that GOD has chosen to lead a nation out of captivity from the greatest human power of that time on the earth.

Weak and seemingly alone, his best years apparently behind him, Moses only qualification at this point of his life is the fact that GOD has chosen him as HIS instrument!

GOD Paints A Picture Of Salvation

What unravels through Moses life - from 80 onwards - is the independence story of a nation walking out from slavery into nationhood. More than one million men, women and children! Here is a nation that attains nationhood through GOD. Taken into a wilderness, a place with no resources to meet *any* of their daily needs, GOD provides for an entire nation for 40 years! And, HE does this even though this nation does not receive HIM whole heartedly.

An entire nation lives by GOD - everyday - for 40 years! This is far more than a story of nationhood. In this story, GOD opens the reality of HIS Name through the actuality of all that HE does for a nation born and nurtured in the middle of a wilderness for 40 years.

GOD reveals HIMSELF and, HE does this by meeting the nation's every need, while disciplining the nation in its rebellion against HIM. HE feeds the nation with meat and manna and, supplies them with water, supernaturally (see Exodus 16:12-18; 17:5-6). He ministers to the nation's well-being supernaturally while teaching them HIS Law and Statutes (see Deuteronomy 8:1-18).

Here is a picture that foreshadows the actuality of salvation, in the face of our hard hearted ways and rebellion. Salvation is *entirely* the workmanship of GOD. Being unveiled even as HE reveals HIMSELF to us, in all that **HE does** in us and with us. As HE strives to open our hearts so that we *willingly* receive HIM!

As we willingly receive HIM, HE enables us to actually drink of the waters of life from HIM. HE supplies us with meat from HIS Word and, HE opens the hidden manna of the treasures of HIS Name to us. In this process, HE strives with our fleshly ways, enabling us to see HIM, receive HIM and, come to know HIM.

Because of HIS striving, salvation is to us, in actualized terms, a deeply personal experience of GOD.

In salvation, GOD expresses HIS righteousness into every facet of our being and into every facet of our life. And, HE then

moulds us and shapes us in a corporate Body, as we learn how to live with others and to bless others, in all that GOD has given us and expressed into us.

In salvation, GOD in HIS mercy, proposes to change us in the reality of HIS power and HIS excellence. It is in this realization of supernatural change that we come to see WHO GOD IS. GOD unfolds the reality and substance (or, substantive reality) of our salvation, by HIS own fullness revealed into us (see John 1:16; Ephesians 3:19).

Salvation is a tangible reality that unfolds its realities from the dimensions of GOD's Name revealed in us and amongst us. This unveiling of HIS Name is HIS provision for us - forever. And, this provision describes the reality of our salvation. In this book, we will introduce the actualities of GOD's Name that should become realities in which HE provides for us.

GOD unfolds HIS righteous provision when we receive HIM in our own free will. And, GOD has chosen to express HIS righteousness to us in CHRIST JESUS. The LORD JESUS unveils the realities of salvation, by giving actual expression to the realities of the Name Of GOD *in us* (see John 17:6,26).

If JESUS CHRIST was merely a man or a special creation, such a reality across the dimensions of space and time would be an impossibility. But Scripture attests to the divinity of the MESSIAH, the CHRIST (see Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7) by calling HIM, IMMANUEL - GOD with us.

Salvation Only Finds Expression In GOD's Name Revealed

From the nation made alive in the wilderness will come the MESSIAH, the CHRIST. The Saviour of mankind, called JESUS by Name, WHO will fulfill the basis for the actual and personalized revelation of the Name Of GOD. And HE would in this process become the actual *revelation* and *manifestation* of the Name Of GOD.

John 1:18 (KJV/NASB) tells us that the only begotten SON *explains* GOD to us!

John 17:6,26 expresses this prophetic reality of the revealed and manifested Name Of GOD, in the prayer of the LORD JESUS just before HIS crucifixion: ***"I manifested THY Name to the men whom THOU gavest ME out of the world. ... I have made THY Name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith THOU didst love ME may be in them, and I in them."***

GOD vindicates this prayer by raising JESUS CHRIST from the dead. And, GOD continues to vindicate the Name Of JESUS, by bringing about supernatural changes in the lives of millions today.

Every life changed is a vivid testimony of the supernatural handiwork of GOD.

The LORD JESUS reveals the heart of GOD to all creation - on earth and in the heavenly places - from a cross at Calvary (circa

30 A.D.). This revelation is called the Testimony Of JESUS (see John 6:63; Luke 21:33).

We see the heart of GOD being expressed in the frailty of a man - ***in living expressions of love and faith*** - for our salvation and our lives. These living expressions of HIS love and faith unveil the ***actualities*** of GOD's Name. From the cross is unveiled a reality of GOD's heart that we can each understand and receive ***and verify*** through HIS love actually experienced within us.

The inner workings of this Testimony from the cross, expressed in the faith and love of CHRIST JESUS, is even now being unveiled in unique personal terms within each one of us.

The substance of this love and this faith empowers our salvation, through the realities of HIS Name revealed into our heart and mind. We realize the ***continual transformation*** of our lives - *everyday* and, *forever*.

In this continual process of change and transformation, we must understand that we are saved by the Name Of GOD revealed in CHRIST JESUS and, not by religious practices! True religion, functions in the reality of GOD revealed. True religion is the growing discovery of the beauty and excellence and ***all-sufficiency*** of GOD HIMSELF.

GOD Is Truth; and so, truth is revealed in GOD and by GOD. Falsehood on the other hand, places man and his abilities and his actions at the center of all things.

True spiritual growth is realized in the reality of the LORD GOD WHO has actually become life to us - in practical terms. GOD has expressed through CHRIST JESUS, an eternal actuality that triumphed over sin and death, for our realization today, through the power of HIS love and HIS faith for us.

GOD saw in HIMSELF, THAT HE would be able to save us through the **reality** of HIMSELF, expressed in us. And, GOD has made this reality available to us through CHRIST JESUS.

By faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, in the medium of HIS faith and love for us, the reality of the Name Of GOD comes to us. This **realization** of GOD and HIS righteousness is meaningfully explained to us in CHRIST JESUS.

This all-sufficient, righteous expression of GOD's faith and love for us were **explained** on the cross. So that, we would - by revelation given to us - see the reality of GOD's heart and HIS Testimony and, willingly receive the purposes of GOD.

The Testimony of JESUS CHRIST rising from the dead, actually validates HIS faith and the love expressed towards us, as being expressions of the truth. And, this truth is proven in the supernatural changes we begin to see in ourselves from the moment we are born again.

When we receive HIS Testimony, the fullness of all that HE expressed in HIS Testimony comes alive in us by revelation. And, we are changed in HIS power and HIS goodness unveiled. In

this supernatural change realized in our inward parts, we actually verify the power of the cross.

The LORD JESUS died and HE arose from the dead by faith in GOD. But HE was raised only because the love and the faith that HE expressed - in GOD and towards GOD *for us* - was true and not false!

The proof of the truth continues to be *validated* in the changes *evidenced* within us - in our transformed *nature* and, the *fruits* of our life, enabled in HIS righteousness realized. HIS righteousness is being unveiled by HIS faith and HIS love for us.

This is a realization possessed by faith received from HIM. HIS faith for us being fashioned into our faith in HIM, through the actuality of HIS love realized in our inward parts. Our faith in HIM is validated by the supernatural change in our nature.

We realize this change in nature through changes in our behaviour, our desires, our words, our actions and our relationships with others. Every change being realized from the power of GOD - and, not from ourselves.

GOD Will Fulfill HIS Salvation

In being born again, GOD has already given us *sufficient proof* of HIS righteousness; that, all that HE plans to bring into our life (in HIS time) will be *true* and *good* in HIS Name.

In the reality of the cross, and its eternal Testament of love and forgiveness revealed in our heart and mind, we can readily *trust*

HIM in the understanding that HE will always do HIS best in us.

Having been opened to HIM, we need to take HIM at HIS Word, and discover the realities of all that HE IS, so that we can be living testimonies of this salvation that unveils *only* as HIS Name comes alive to our heart.

As long as the Name Of GOD is testified to, in word and deed, the *Light Of HIS Life* will manifest and find expression in us; and, human lives will be ***continuingly transformed*** by all that manifests from the Name Of GOD!

But, what begs an answer at this point is, what exactly is GOD's Name that the LORD JESUS revealed so vividly and, with such exactitude?

GOD Introduces HIS Name

The Book Of Exodus (3:1-15), outlines a fascinating *commencement* to the revelation of the Name Of GOD.

“Now Moses (circa 1400 B.C.) was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of GOD.

And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

So Moses said, “I must turn aside now, and see this marvellous sight, why the bush is not burned up.”

When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, GOD called to him from the midst of the bush, and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Then HE said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” HE said also, “I AM the GOD of your father, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at GOD.”

GOD declares HIS purpose to bring a nation out of slavery and, HE proceeds to give Moses HIS instructions: “... “Come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring MY people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Then Moses said to GOD, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, “The GOD of your fathers has sent me to you.” Now they may say to me, “What is HIS Name?” What shall I say to them?”

And GOD said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and HE said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.””

“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, “The LORD, the GOD of your fathers, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is

MY Name forever, and this is MY Memorial-Name to all generations.”

In this passage we see GOD unveil HIMSELF as “**I AM**”.

GOD’s Name Is Life Eternal

Several things are being communicated in this passage. GOD has a Name - “**I AM WHO I AM**”. The Name Of GOD - abbreviated to “**I AM**” - is being peculiarly referred to as a Memorial-Name to all generations - forever.

There are several implications to this statement. *Firstly*, the reality of “**I AM**” will be unveiled in all generations forever - an eternal continuum of revelation that becomes a living and growing Memorial.

Secondly, the existence and continuance of all generations will be entirely **dependent** on the continuum of this revelation of “**I AM**”.

Thirdly, the revelation of the Name will encompass the lives of actual persons with whom GOD continues to have an actual living relationship - forever, in a living continuum called eternal life.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob are all being addressed as living beings to whom GOD is still “**I AM**”! In human terms Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have been dead for several centuries. GOD declares to Moses that HE is still the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Abraham, Isaac and, Jacob are still alive *in* HIS “**I AM**” reality. Abraham, Isaac and, Jacob are still alive *because of* HIS “**I AM**” reality.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, inspite of having died several centuries ago. They are living persons with their distinct personalities intact in the “**I AM**” of GOD.

GOD is describing a reality - a continuum - that unfolds as a result of “**I AM WHO I AM**”. In this unfolding reality, GOD saves (see John 17:3,6). This unfolding reality of “**I AM**” is knowledge of “**I AM**” revealed. This knowledge is the actual substance of life (see John 17:3).

In Psalm 54:1, GOD crystallizes through King David (circa 1000 B.C.) the revelation that we are saved by the Name Of GOD and vindicated by the power of GOD.

GOD in revealing HIS Name, is actually testifying to the *fact* of life, in HIS “**I AM**”. “***I AM the Life!***” And, this life is actualized and vindicated in us, and amongst us, in HIS power.

Salvation Is An Enabled State Of Being

We see that in revealing HIS Name to Moses, GOD is implicitly also declaring that HE has opened (in HIS righteousness expressed) HIS salvation reality to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are actually alive and well because of the “**I AM**” of GOD (that is, because “HE IS” and, because of what HE is always doing for them)! From this we understand that the Name Of GOD revealed and expressed in HIS righteousness, is the basis and the actuality of our salvation.

When the reality of “**I AM**” comes into us, HE enables us to live by HIM. Because “**I AM**” is (amongst other expressions) an expression of HIS righteousness towards us, in HIS all-sufficient power and provision.

A simple example of HIS righteousness is the life that we have in both spiritual and natural terms.

Given the fact that we have no capacity in ourselves to generate or to sustain our life, we see the fact that GOD proves HIS righteousness by having facilitated *everything* that enables us to actually live in both natural and spiritual terms. From the least to the greatest amongst us, every process and every faculty that enables each and everyone of us to live has either been given to us or, made available to us.

In spiritual terms, we see that as GOD becomes alive to us, we become alive in HIM and by HIM, as a consequence of WHO HE IS *realized* to be.

The “quality” and “state” of our life is fully dependent on the revelation of GOD that we have actually come to *realize* in our heart, as the reality of life. This is our salvation realized which, unveils itself as GOD comes alive to us.

As we enter and live in the reality of the Name Of GOD, we come to realize - in tangible practical terms - the many faceted ***beginnings*** of our salvation.

But, how can this actually happen?

Questions That Need An Answer

How do we come to actually know GOD? How do we come to grow in HIM? How is GOD actually revealed to us? How can we actually see GOD?

If we do not have an answer to any one of these realities of: knowing GOD, growing in HIM, realizing WHO HE IS, and seeing HIM, we simply do not have an avenue to receive the actualities of salvation. Because, salvation only unveils its realities in and by the Name Of GOD.

No one can cookup an experience of the realities in salvation because, they are of the stature of the reality of GOD - ***not*** man, his ideas or his deeds.

“WHO Is GOD?” is therefore a question that holds the answer to life itself, its ***sustainability*** and its ***continuity***.

Because GOD saves us by HIS Name, the revelation of the Name is the exclusive unfolding of our salvation.

The Bible is written with the almost exclusive purpose of answering this question. ***It is because the Bible answers this***

question that it is entitled to be called the Word Of GOD.

Because GOD clearly reveals HIMSELF through its pages.

HE clearly speaks and testifies of HIMSELF - **"I AM"** - and, HE *clearly* speaks of the *realities* of HIS righteousness that are expressions of HIS **"I AM"** that bring the realities of salvation by HIS Name into us, so that we can each live by HIM!

In giving us HIS Name, GOD is telling us something very important. It is HIS Name that is life giving. And, we need to understand that it is only in knowing HIM that HIS Name is revealed into us. But again, this statement immediately begs the question, how do we actually come to *know* GOD?

The Framework To Receive Our Answers

Before we can get into the question of how to know GOD, we need to first define the importance of knowing GOD. GOD actually comes to define this reality of knowing HIM in terms of HIS Law.

This is a reality of the Law that is no mere legalism of a set of religious practices. Because GOD demands a reality in which we are to love HIM with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (see Mark 12:30).

In the context of biblical revelation, we see the Law fulfilled unfolding in a dynamic Law Of Life and a Law Of Liberty, with the Law fulfilled being defined in the framework of a living relationship with HIM; a relationship of love actually nurtured in the realized actuality of **"I AM"**.

This reality of the Law is also described as a Law Of Covenant described through the Word revealed into our heart and mind. HIS Covenant revealed, is in fact an actual framework in which, a growing relationship of love is described and actualized, according to HIS Word received and possessed within us.

When we come to see GOD's Law as a Law Of Life, a Law Of Liberty (through freedom from sin) and, a Law Of Covenant fashioned in an actual relationship where we actually love HIM, we come to see that the Law Of GOD stands exclusively by all that HE IS and, by all that HE expresses into us as we come to know HIM.

GOD expresses the reality of knowing HIM, as the basis for HIS Law being fulfilled, so that there would be no ambiguity as to the clarity and all encompassing purpose of us all coming to know HIM (see Jeremiah 31:33-34).

The framework of revelation is definitive, defined in HIS Word and explained in an intimacy of faith and love, explained through the Testimony of JESUS, so that all creation will come to live because of HIM and by HIM.

We also see that GOD's Law instituted in Truth (**"I AM The Truth"**) must have a clarity of expression that will unveil to encompass all creatures!

Such a legal framework in Truth must therefore be ***readily*** and ***meaningfully*** understood. Let us examine this amazing

framework of the Law Of Life that is being, and will continue to be, unveiled into the creation as a reality that is the engine of our salvation realized.

A Legal Framework Meant To Ensure Life - Forever

Subsequent to the meeting with Moses at the burning bush (circa 1450 B.C.), GOD reveals HIS Law to Moses. Several years later in the Book Of Deuteronomy (6:4-9), Moses records the highest reality of GOD's Law - *realized and fulfilled*: **"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our GOD, the LORD is ONE! And you shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

And, these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

In Deuteronomy 30:6, Moses explains how GOD will establish and fulfill this Law Of Life: **"Moreover the LORD your GOD will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants**

to love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.”

In Matthew 5:17-18, the LORD JESUS declares that the Law will be fulfilled. The LORD JESUS is also saying that this fulfillment will fully establish the Law. And, the LORD JESUS is saying that HE would bring forth this fulfillment of the Law in HIMSELF and by HIMSELF.

Given this actuality of fulfillment in CHRIST JESUS, through WHOM we will each come to actually love GOD, we can now see CHRIST JESUS in new light and, also understand GOD's Law in a new perspective.

A Legal Framework Of Heart And Soul

GOD is outlining an amazing legal framework - for life eternal - that is ***established*** in the (***fulfilled***) reality of us each coming to love HIM with all of our heart, soul and might.

This legal framework defines life and, the quality of this life, through the reality of a love received and realized as a consequence of WHO “**I AM**” is revealed to be and, all THAT “**I AM**” is revealed and experienced to be - in CHRIST JESUS.

This is the Law Of Life by which the universe will find its true foundations and its every true expression - in and by “**I AM**” revealed.

“I AM the Life!”

GOD is saying, “Live by ME in the reality of MY love for you, and you will live in a reality that will consume your heart, soul and strength.”

The revelation realized, is crystallized in a living relationship and, fashioned into an enabled state of being that is meant to become in its entirety, an expression of HIS love realized!

We see here, a reality of “**I AM**”, which captivates and radiates the heart and soul, in increasing measures of HIS Fullness (see Ephesians 3:19), that is the framework of expression for GOD’s Law Of Life!

GOD here describes the *reality* of a legal framework of a Law Of Life, established and fulfilled as a consequence of a realization of HIS “**I AM**”. A reality in which, we have actually come to know HIM and, as a consequence been transformed so as to have come to actually love GOD with all of our heart, soul and might.

Please understand that here is a legal framework **absolutely** above and beyond any form of legal framework designed by man. Here is a legal framework designed for actual fulfillment. This is a legal framework by divine writ that is being expressed, in the fulfilled terms of a nature of love, in our very own heart and soul as a reality of true life realized.

This divine writ is meant to be expressed into the tablets of our heart as an actual realization, unveiled as we actually come to

love HIM. This divine writ is an expression of HIS **“I AM”** reality, that carries the potentials of consuming our entire inward man in the reality of HIS nature of love!

In HIS nature of love alive in us, this Law will be fulfilled.

This is salvation realized - by Law fulfilled, through HIS love realized! A legal framework fulfilled into our very being! A legal framework that is defined into our very state of being. A legal framework that is entirely upheld in an expression of HIS **“I AM”** love actualized.

Given the fact that love reflects a nature in GOD, this is a legal framework established in a nature that is entirely of GOD. This is a legal framework upheld by the excellence of GOD being actually alive in us in HIS Fullness!

An Enabled State Of Being Able To Live

In the New Testament revelation of the passage from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (in Mark 12:29-30), the meaning of heart is described by two peculiar Greek words: “kardia” for heart and “dianoia” for the imaginative mind.

What we see here is an astonishing legal framework *based on an actual relationship with GOD* that is a realization constructed within our heart, soul and, mind; and, this realization becomes our ***strength (or, enabled ability) to do all things by HIM through HIS Fullness alive in us*** (see John 1:16; Ephesians 3:19).

We see here a legal framework that is defined in the very expression of GOD's love. This is a legal framework that is not based on a set of rules; but instead, is based on a ***nature expressed*** in a growing relationship in which we are enabled to live - by HIM in HIS Fullness and, in HIS love for us that transforms us.

GOD is defining a legal construct in a nature of love, that is realized through an actual relationship. Through this relationship GOD establishes an enablement within us, in HIS Fullness by which, we are able to actually live.

As the relationship flourishes the quality of our life blossoms!

This is a legal framework established in a nature that enables life to be lived in GOD, with GOD and through GOD. This reality is salvation actualized.

We can now begin to see the heart of our FATHER in a new light!

We can now understand why HIS Law is defined in such astonishing terms of love that consumes all of our heart, soul, mind and strength!

This legal framework exists through, and by, and in, the reality of **"I AM"** revealed and received, that becomes in its revelation, life realized in terms of all that HE is revealed to be. This then is a reality that increasingly fulfills HIS Law!

Now, this is a legal framework in *perfect design* - fulfilled by HIS love realized! This is a legal framework fashioned into our state of being as the created handiwork of GOD MOST HIGH!

This legal framework stands in a nature within man that is of the **"I AM"** of GOD revealed. The Law is fully functional because of **"I AM"**! AMEN!

The Law is no mere set of rules and regulations. But instead, the Law is a dynamic expression of the actualities of true life meant to be realized in the process of being saved. The New Testament expresses this reality as the Law Of The SPIRIT Of Life, In CHRIST JESUS (see Romans 8:2) that actually sets is free from sin and death.

The Word Of Life Realized

The Word Of GOD declares that GOD Is Life. This *realization* will involve our heart, our soul, our mind and our strength. This realization of life from HIM is established in a legal framework that stands on the fact that we have been drawn to love HIM with all of our heart, soul and mind.

We can now understand why GOD reveals that we are only saved by HIS Name. ***Only HIS Name, and all that stands in HIS Name, can fulfill HIS Law.***

Everything that enables the realization of eternal life therefore involves HIS **"I AM"** becoming our experience of living by HIM.

As long as the reality of GOD - "I AM" - is alive and growing in our heart, HIS "I AM" will ensure our growing well being forever. The testimony of this reality is HIS love alive in our heart, soul and mind, so that we fully function in the strength of HIS love.

But, How Can This Come To Be?

How do we get to grips with receiving HIS **"I AM"** Name and the revelation of HIS **"I AM"** Name? Without this answer the whole reality of salvation cannot be realized and expressed. Neither will it have any meaning in practical terms.

How does a human being like you and me, crippled by the imperfections of our sin, limited by our human capacity, come to know the HOLY GOD ***so as to be able to actually love HIM and, so as to come to actually live by HIM?***

This is the all important question of life, for without the reality of HIS **"I AM"** we will only experience decay and death. Human experience in the world is ultimately decay and death - in personal terms.

It is tragic to see the realities of decay and death unfold in us and in those who are around us, especially, those whom we love. ***Without GOD***, life is essentially and ultimately, unsustainable; and so, effectively purposeless.

The Essence Of Life

King Solomon (950 B.C.) expresses this reality with clarity (in Ecclesiastes 2:4-11,17; 3:14; 12:1,6-7): **“I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself; I made gardens and parks for myself, and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees; I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees. I bought male and female slaves, and I had homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.**

Also, I collected for myself silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men - many concubines.

Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me. And all that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from my pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor.

Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after the wind and there was no profit under the sun.” ...

“So I hated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was grevious to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind.” ...

“I know that anything GOD does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for GOD has so worked that men should fear (reverence) HIM.” ...

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, “I have no delight in them.”” ...

“Remember HIM, before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to GOD WHO gave it.”

“I AM” - The Actuality Of Life

Perhaps it was this sort of futility that Moses was feeling before he came to the burning bush. But, GOD in HIS mercy opens a new reality for him.

Moses was looking after sheep after being feted as a prince of the most powerful kingdom on earth. GOD touched Moses with the tangibility of HIS reality and opened a new life to him. Moses *responded* to GOD, and GOD *makes him* **become** a prince of HIS Kingdom. GOD raises Moses and uses him to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt.

In that process we see a prince emerge, far greater than any prince of any kingdom on earth. Far greater, because Moses

functions in a *realm* and a *reality* that is of the stature of GOD HIMSELF.

A realm and reality that has the potentials of continual and sustained growth - the growing continuum of the reality of the “**I AM**” of GOD realized.

In the process, GOD *draws* Moses closer to HIM. GOD draws Moses into a growing reality of ***complete dependence*** on HIM; and, in the process, GOD accomplishes with Moses something ***entirely beyond*** human capability.

In this process, Moses comes to understand some things *about* GOD. But, in this process Moses also comes to realize that something is missing.

Moses becomes alive to a strange hunger within himself. A hunger to actually come to know GOD in the reality of his heart. Moses comes to hunger for the tangible reality of GOD within his own heart. And so, Moses makes a request of GOD.

Moses Asks To See GOD’s Glory

Years after the burning bush meeting, after seeing GOD work astonishing miracles in bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt, Moses asks GOD the same questions that we have addressed above. WHO are YOU LORD? What do YOU mean - “**I AM**”?

“WHO Is GOD?”

Exodus 33:7-23; 34:5-8 outlines Moses pursuit of GOD. **“Now Moses used to take the tent** (the Tent Of Meeting in which GOD spoke with him) **and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the Tent Of Meeting. And it came about, that everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the Tent Of Meeting which was outside the camp.**

And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent. And it came about, whenever Moses entered the Tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the Tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses.

When all the people saw the Pillar Of Cloud standing at the entrance of the Tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.

...Then Moses said to the LORD, “... Now therefore, I pray THEE, if I have found favour in THY sight, let me know THY ways, that I may know THEE, so that I may find favour in THY sight. Consider too, that this nation is THY people.” And HE said, “MY Presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.” ...

... Then Moses said, “I pray THEE, show me THY glory!”

And HE said, “I MYSELF will make all MY goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the Name Of The LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.” But HE said, “You cannot see MY Face, for no man can see ME and live!”

Then the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by ME, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while MY Glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with MY Hand until I have passed by. Then I will take MY Hand away and you shall see MY back, but MY Face shall not be seen.” ...

... And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called on the Name Of The LORD.

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD GOD, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; WHO keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet HE will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

And Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.”

GOD proclaims HIS Glory, the Glory in HIS “I AM” Name, expressing HIS Goodness. HE describes HIS “I AM” Glory as

being a living expression that is “**compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth**” alive in forgiveness, in the midst of HIS *necessary* judgements on all forms of evil and all forms of rebellion.

GOD’s Glory Manifests - But What Does It Mean?

Moses feels the awesomeness of GOD being expressed and he hastily bows before GOD.

But, the meaning of all of these words are essentially beyond Moses comprehension because GOD is describing a reality that is entirely defined *within* HIMSELF, *in* HIS “**I AM**” PERSON, *by* HIS Name and not in human words.

This “**I AM**” actuality is what represents the impenetrable gap between GOD and man, that has to be bridged by a reality of salvation that brings us out of the imprisonment of the evil of our sinful nature to see the goodness of GOD, so that we can actually live by HIM.

In a sense, there is also an impenetrable gap between GOD and HIS angels.

The Word Of GOD (in Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:3-4) records the fall of one-third of the angels together with their leader Lucifer, who became in his fall, satan, the devil - whom, the Word Of GOD addresses as a *serpent* and a *dragon* (see Revelation 12:9).

The rebellion represents a tragedy of catastrophic proportions. Millions of angels nurtured as sons of GOD turned against GOD, inspite of growing up before HIM.

Inspite of having “seen HIS Glory” manifested “face to face”, they failed to appreciate HIS reality and understand HIS nature.

Moses too shares, albeit in a much smaller measure, in the angelic experience even as he bows before GOD as noted in the previous passage.

The words by which GOD describes HIS “**I AM**” Glory, that expresses HIS Name, are simply registered in human words, in the realm of human experience and human intellect. But these words only have human meanings arising from human words, expressed in human language, expressing our ideas of these words.

They express no testimonial reality in Truth, because the reality of Truth only comes from *within* the “**I AM**” expression of GOD - HIS PERSON and HIS Nature expressed. And, unless the “**I AM**” of GOD is actually communicated into us we will not be able to know HIM.

The question “WHO Is GOD?” continues to be unanswered. The fact is that even the angels who stood before GOD and watched HIS great power unveiled in the universe and before their very eyes did not really understand HIS Heart.

The reality of GOD’s Heart [“**I AM**”] was veiled in the Glory of HIS unapproachable Light, beyond their comprehension.

“WHO Is GOD?”, remains an unanswered question! Even to those who stood in HIS Presence all the time!

The Purpose Of The Incarnation Of “I AM”

In order to explain the mystery of HIS Heart to the angelic hosts and, in order to bring salvation into the lives of fallen men, GOD incarnated HIMSELF, devoid of HIS incomprehensible Glory, into the womb of a virgin called Mary (circa 4 B.C.).

This was done so that the revelation of the “**I AM**” of GOD could be expressed in comprehensible and undeniable terms, unambiguously demonstrated in the frailty of a human being. So that all would see the Glory Of GOD expressed in the substance and reality of HIS Goodness unveiled, in clear and unambiguous terms.

The pinnacle of the revelation unfolds on a cross where the Heart Of GOD - in terms of HIS intents and purposes, expressed in love and faith for a fallen humanity - is unveiled as the basis for salvation and life eternal for all creation.

On the cross, we see the fulfillment of GOD’s Law Of Life in HIS “**I AM**” love *revealed*, for a fallen humanity. **The intent of this expression of love, is to enable a salvation through a supernatural realization of this “I AM” love within ourselves - personally and uniquely.**

This picture of the cross - in terms of all that is revealed and expressed of the heart of GOD - is to be *possessed* in our heart, soul and mind (by faith) even as we each come to

realize, and so come to love, the “I AM” of the PERSON expressed on the cross. This brethren is the reality from which salvation finds its unfolding expression *in* you and me.

And the proof of the **“I AM”** reality of goodness unveiled is ***validated*** when the LORD JESUS CHRIST rises from the dead, being witnessed in HIS risen state by more than 500 men on earth (see 1 Corinthians 15:3-8) and, by all the hosts in the heavenly places.

GOD’s intent of realized HIS **“I AM”** was proclaimed by the prophets hundreds of years earlier. Through Isaiah (9:6-7), about 700 years before the actual event of the incarnation, GOD proclaims that this offspring of the virgins womb would express the **“I AM Name”** of the Mighty GOD and, the Eternal FATHER. HE would come alive to us as the Prince Of Peace.

HE would be realized as BEING Wonderful. And, HE would be the Counselor WHO testifies and teaches the counsels of GOD, in **“I AM”** terms.

HE would be IMMANUEL (see Isaiah 7:14) - “GOD With Us” - through faith *in* HIM, enabled *by* HIM and, fully realized from HIM!

In the unveiling of this reality - in HIS **“I AM”** Goodness - HE would cause us, through HIS **“I AM”** Nature unveiled (or, realized in our inward parts), to come to love GOD with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength! AMEN!

In this reality, made alive in us, HE fulfills the Law (in terms of all that enables GOD's Law to come alive in us and amongst us) and, HE also fulfills the Prophets (in terms of all that is meant to be fulfilled as GOD's Righteous expression of the intents of HIS Heart in us, and amongst us, and through us).

The LORD JESUS expressed this fulfillment (in Matthew 5:17) in the following Words: **"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill."**

The Prophetic Implications Of The Incarnation

The mystery of the incarnation was announced by the angel Gabriel to a Jewish maiden, a virgin, around about 4 B.C. The angel proclaims that the offspring of the virgins womb would be the SON OF GOD.

In fact, the term **"SON of the MOST HIGH"** is used in Luke 1:32. *The MOST HIGH* is the highest and most exalted reality of **"I AM"**.

The prophetic term "SON" expresses the incarnation of **"I AM"** in a substantive reality that would be understood (when revealed and received) from within our heart, soul and mind.

We would be enabled to live (by HIS love and HIS faith revealed and realized) through the **"I AM"** reality of the SON'S PERSON and Nature unveiled within us (see John 1:18).

The Truth of HIS “I AM” - “I in them” (see John 17:26) - unfolded in our heart, soul and mind will set us free, by a process of *creative transformation* (see Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6-7, 16-18).

“I In Them”

This process of our creative transformation is described (in Ephesians 2:10; 3:14-21) in awesome prophetic terms: **“For we are HIS workmanship, *created* in CHRIST JESUS for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”**

... **“For this reason, (the great apostle declares) I bow my knees before the FATHER, from WHOM every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that HE would grant you, according to the riches of HIS glory, to be strengthened with power through HIS SPIRIT in the inner man; so that CHRIST may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of CHRIST which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the Fullness Of GOD.**

Now to HIM WHO is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to HIM be the glory in the Church and in CHRIST JESUS to all generations forever and ever. AMEN.”

The Way, The Truth And, The Life Fulfilled

All of this prophetic reality is unveiled in the SON. The SON is simply **"I AM"** expressed as a growing substantive reality meant to form and express our life, in HIS revelation realized or HIS **"I AM"** Name revealed.

This is why the LORD JESUS declared (in John 14:6) the fact of HIS Status as: **"I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life."**

In the Gospel Of John (8:58) the LORD JESUS declares in public: **"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM."**

The expression **"I AM"** gives the picture of past, present and future - forever; the unchanging and all-sufficient continuum, of the guarantee of life, in the fullness of the expression **"I AM"**, revealed into all creation as **"I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."**

The use of the term "the" speaks of the *exclusivity* of the revelation and its root in **"I AM"**. There is only *one* Way, Truth and Life because there is only *one* exclusive revelation of **"I AM"**. The LORD JESUS is - in HIS **"I AM"** revealed - **"the Way, and the Truth, and the Life"**. AMEN!

Please understand that there can be no other, for there can be no other means of expression. Even the angels who stood in the midst of GOD's manifested Glory could not see - **how much less can we with our so very minute capacities of heart and mind.**

We Need To See Righteousness Unveiled

At HIS trial prior to being crucified, the LORD JESUS again declares HIS Status. In Matthew 26:62-67 it is written: **“And the high priest stood up and said to HIM, “Do YOU make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against YOU?”**

But JESUS kept silent.

And the high priest said to HIM, “I adjure YOU by the living GOD, that YOU tell us whether YOU are the CHRIST, the SON Of GOD.”

JESUS said to him, “You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the SON Of MAN sitting at the Right Hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, “HE has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?”

They answered and said, “HE is deserving of death!” Then they spat in HIS face and beat HIM with their fists; and others slapped HIM, and said, “Prophecy to us, YOU CHRIST; who is the one who hit YOU.””

It is interesting that those who claimed to be righteous and standing in the defence of GOD proved their “righteousness” by *spitting, slapping* and *mocking* the defenceless. While the ONE

condemned as being evil stood quietly and took all the abuse and the subsequent torture and death with a heart of forgiveness.

Who was it that blasphemed GOD? Who is it that still continues to blaspheme GOD? We see the visuals on our TV screens everyday! We read the reports in our newspapers everyday!

Who will save us from this daily, unfolding tragedy? Only the “**I AM**” of GOD unveiled in CHRIST JESUS can.

GOD Validates HIS Prophetic Word

The ALMIGHTY GOD validates the LORD JESUS proclamations by raising HIM from the dead. And, the outcome is ***unquestionable*** since only GOD can raise someone from the dead!

The SON therefore, as a consequence of this validation, also expresses (by HIS *love* and HIS *faith*) the reality of salvation, in which GOD desires to make the sons of man the sons of GOD, through the realized “**I AM**” reality of the SON.

Rising from the dead the LORD JESUS declares: “**All things which are written about ME (*revealing, explaining and expressing* MY “**I AM**” status) in the Law Of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”**

The Testimony of the Law Of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms is simply the fact that GOD IS - “**I AM**”.

The place of fulfillment of the Testimony is in the collective of our lives which will radiate all creation. The reality of “**I AM**”

that is to be fulfilled in each one of our lives comes to us in the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

It is because of the potentials of change and transformation in the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS that we are justified before GOD. Because, we will all be changed and transformed as the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS comes alive in us. We are transformed by the **“I AM”** of GOD unveiled.

“I AM” Is A Reality Realized In The LORD JESUS CHRIST

When we see the LORD JESUS with our inward eyes, we have the answer to the question: “WHO IS GOD?” AMEN! The answer is being meaningfully explained into our heart and mind, through revelation of GOD’s **“I AM”** in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

And, the *proof* will be the power that *transforms* us and *releases* us from the bondage of sin. Salvation is the living Testament of the **“I AM”** of GOD, the reality that unfolds HIS Memorial Name within us, in a realized state of being and a blossoming lifestyle. AMEN!

This is why the Name Of GOD was announced to Moses as a Memorial-Name. We celebrate the *fulfillment* of the Memorial-Name in our lives through the celebration of Holy Communion. The remembrance is actually an entire lifestyle *realized* in the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The Word Of GOD (in John 1:16-18 NASB/KJV) proclaims the potentials of this *realization* in the following terms: **“For of *HIS Fullness* we have *all* received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were *realized* through JESUS CHRIST. No one has seen GOD at any time; the only begotten SON, WHO is in the bosom of the FATHER, HE has explained HIM.” AMEN!**

The explanation is unveiled in our inward parts supernaturally. The communication is made through the Spirit and Life of JESUS CHRIST (see John 6:63).

“I AM”

We have learnt something crucial to our lives. The Name Of GOD is “I AM”. And the “I AM” of GOD is *revealed* and *realized* (or, received) in the “I AM” of the LORD JESUS. And, this is why salvation is exclusive to CHRIST JESUS revealed.

In this chapter we shall look at what we should be expecting to come alive to, in the “I AM” of GOD revealed.

What we come alive to in the “I AM” of GOD is exclusively HIS handiwork (see Exodus 32:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:3-6; Ephesians 2:10) And, because this is HIS handiwork the potentials are simply breath taking. We will take snapshots at these potentials in the rest of this book as we unveil the realities in the “I AM” of GOD. In the “I AM” of GOD unveiled we come to know HIM so as to be able to live by HIM.

We *need* to know GOD because HE declares that HE is the Life. We need to know GOD because HE declares HE is the Truth.

“I AM”

We need to know GOD because HE declares that ***HE*** is our dwelling place.

We need to know GOD because HE says that when we actually come to know HIM we will come to love HIM with our heart, soul, mind and strength. And, in this realization actualize our salvation and be enabled to walk in HIS Name.

GOD is promising us a reality in HIM that is simply astonishing.

If we can be drawn to love HIM with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength then, we have a reality in HIM that would bring into us and amongst us, an actuality of true and complete fulfillment. Fulfillment through HIS Excellence unveiled ***into*** our heart, soul and, mind in a reality fashioned in HIS power.

When we begin to come to love GOD with our heart, soul, mind and strength, we will also be actually alive by HIM in our heart, soul and mind; and so, be able to actually begin to live by HIS abundance unveiled to our understanding (see Proverbs 9:10b; Hebrews 11:3a,6). We will be inwardly alive to actually being able to live in GOD and by GOD.

GOD Has The Intent Of Captivating Us

What Scripture is declaring is that GOD is the most exciting and invigorating experience that man can realize. GOD is the be all and end all of our life, in every realizable dimension of our state of being, involving ***all*** of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

This is the actuality of Truth realized. This is freedom realized that radiates our being, in a nature of love realized - from HIM!

This is life worth living because it involves our free will expressed in a relationship with GOD that increasingly captivates us.

In this inward reality, GOD's Law is being fulfilled in us (by the righteousness of our LORD and Saviour alive in us) and, we are able to function in true and complete freedom - ***in a nature that actually abhors evil and delights in the fear (reverence) of GOD!***

What we immediately begin to see is that, it is the **"I AM"** Of GOD, alive in our inward parts which, *enables* and *fuels* our life, life style and our spiritual growth. HE becomes the conduit for our life. And, we learn to live by drawing from GOD.

It is the reality of GOD that, will enable us to grow and to be changed and to be transformed, so that the Christian experience becomes a joyous, meaningful and, *growing fulfillment.*

Everything in Christian living, if it is to be true and life sustaining, must necessarily involve the reality of GOD because, GOD's blessings are sustained in the intimacy of HIS PERSON.

In this reality, our faith becomes a tangible and meaningful reality unfolded in GOD and by GOD, through the situations and circumstances of our life.

“I AM”

Without HIM there is no reality of true life and true living. Without HIS Presence and HIS reality there is no meaningful experience of living in the realization of a sustained growth. Without HIS growing wonder there is no meaningful basis to evaluate our personal growth - both spiritual and natural. Because, every other basis is temporal and transitory.

A Consuming Reality In CHRIST JESUS

All of the reality of GOD opens to us through the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS. It is *as* the **“I AM”** of JESUS is *revealed* in our heart and mind - supernaturally - that, the reality of GOD comes alive to us from within.

This reality is a growing revelation. It is not an intellectual realization, but instead, it is a supernatural revelation written into us by the Finger Of GOD (see Exodus 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:3-6). It is a supernatural revelation unveiled in the Spirit and Life of CHRIST JESUS (see John 6:63).

What Moses could not understand and comprehend is opened to *all of us* in the LORD JESUS (see John 1:16), from within ourselves, as a *revelation realized*, as a *fact* of life established in our heart and mind, in the dimensions of our soul and spirit. As *evidence* of **“I AM”** supernaturally fashioned into our inward parts (see Exodus 32:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:3).

This is the actuality of Truth: that as HE comes alive to us, the reality of GOD becomes a practical, daily experience to us, in *all* that we *do* in *word and deed*. And, this is actualised from the inward witness made alive in us supernaturally, as the handiwork

of GOD HIMSELF (see 1 John 5:10; Mark 4:20,22,24-25, 26-28).

How GOD Proposes To Draw Us

The Word Of GOD proclaims the fulfillment of this prophetic reality of knowing HIM, through the prophets Ezekiel (36:23,25-27), Jeremiah (31:33-34) and Moses (Deuteronomy 30:6) as follows: **"And I will vindicate the holiness of MY great Name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I AM the LORD," declares the LORD GOD, "when I prove MYSELF holy amongst you in their sight."**

... **"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put MY SPIRIT within you and cause you to walk in MY statutes, and you will be careful to observe MY ordinances."**

"I will put MY Law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be MY people. And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbour and each man his brother saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know ME, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

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“The LORD your GOD will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.”

A Heart Of Flesh

GOD speaks of giving us a heart of flesh which HE will circumcise even as HE writes HIS Law into our heart. In the natural when we eat bread, the bread becomes part of our bodily flesh. When we eat of the **“I AM”** Bread Of Life communicated to us through the Word Of GOD, we develop a heart of “flesh” in HIS **“I AM”** revealed and made alive in us.

As Mark 4:27 declares, how this growth comes about is a mystery; but, the fact is that when we hear the Word and accept it (see Mark 4:20,28), the soil of our heart will produce the growth. Simply because this process is the supernatural handiwork of GOD (see Exodus 32:16).

We are in these words describing a spiritual mystery in natural terms (see 1 Corinthians 2:14-15,9-13). The heart of flesh is not talking of the physical human heart but, is instead a substantive spiritual reality that is of HIS **“I AM”** Fullness, revealed and formed in the being of our soul and spirit.

The Bible declares (in 1 Thessalonians 5:23) that we are in three parts: spirit, soul and body. The body dies but the soul and spirit transcend the dimensions of the human body.

The “heart of flesh” therefore belongs to the reality of our soul and spirit being. One day our soul and spirit will be clothed in a new body free of sin (as noted in 1 Corinthians 15:37-38,42-44,52-58) that will be able to give *true* expression to our inward state.

A Heart Perfected In The “I AM” Of The LORD JESUS

The LORD JESUS reveals the crucial importance of the “**I AM**” of GOD, opened to us by HIM, in seven statements or proclamations that HE made.

We shall briefly discuss these *actualities* by which GOD reveals HIMSELF to us - as “**I AM**” - so that we will live by HIM through the “heart of flesh” that HE gives us. In doing this, we will come to see the awesome *intent* of the revelation of the “**I AM**” of GOD in the heart of the FATHER.

The supernatural process of the circumcision of the heart *validates* the reality of GOD into us, through living experience, as each aspect of HIS revelation is *realized* in our heart.

We refer to this practical, supernatural process of realizing the “**I AM**” reality of GOD as a process of “being perfected.” In this process of “being perfected” we are actually changed and transformed, putting on a new nature and a new reality, drawn from the “**I AM**” of GOD through the supernatural formation of the heart of flesh (see Exodus 32:16; 2 Corinthians 3:3).

“I AM The Bread Of Life”

In this **“I AM”** statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 6:48, the fullness and reality of **“I AM”** brought alive to us in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, is portrayed as the Bread Of Life. We are called to *feed* on the reality of GOD as revealed in HIS Word. And the reality of GOD - **“I AM”** - will unveil within us, so as to enable us to *live by HIM* (see Mark 4:26-28).

As bread feeds our bodily functions in the natural, GOD declares that the reality of HIS **“I AM”** revealed in the LORD JESUS CHRIST through the Word Of GOD, will feed us in spiritual terms and enable us to actually live by HIM.

HE will become the basis of our life in both spiritual and natural terms. As we learn to live by HIM, we come to know HIM and HE becomes our life. And, as we see HIM, HE will in HIS reality define our lifestyle in HIS **“I AM”** attributes.

Being Enabled In GOD

The reality of HIM will feed our every aspect of life through the supernatural (substantive) reality of a “heart of flesh” that GOD declares HE will give each of us (see John 1:16-17; 6:48).

We will be empowered by **HIS** abilities made alive in us (see John 6:63; Ephesians 3:20).

No longer would we be confined to self-denominated abilities, but instead, we will be supernaturally empowered in the greatness of GOD, revealed and realized in our heart and mind.

And, lived in a total lifestyle expressed *in* GOD and *through* GOD (see 1 John 4:9).

We will have GOD-given "insights" that will enable us to be the head and not the tail (see Deuteronomy 28:13), in the fulfilled reality of a GOD-ordained "career path". *In this sense there are career paths in the natural and spiritual spheres of influence* - in realities that are (both) transitory and abiding.

It is the reality of the abiding that we must come to realize and hold as a treasure in our heart. The transitory is a means to understand the awesome potentials of the abiding.

As the Bread Of Life, the **"I AM"** reality (and "fullness") of GOD, revealed in CHRIST JESUS, *feeds* and *enables* our entire lifestyle.

As the Bread Of Life, the **"I AM"** reality of GOD feeds our ability to live, in word and in deed. As the Bread Of Life, the **"I AM"** reality of GOD feeds our every perspective on life through the revealed Word (see Deuteronomy 29:29).

As the Bread Of Life, the **"I AM"** reality of GOD feeds our being with HIS enabling, which the Word Of GOD calls an anointing (see 1 John 2:20,27). This anointing is realized in the Name Of JESUS. The anointing is supernatural enablement released into us in the wonder of the LORD JESUS.

Anointings That Fashion An Enabled Lifestyle

An anointing is meant to be an enabling given to us by GOD as a gift of HIS grace, *possessed within our state of being*. There

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are an infinite variety of anointings that GOD gives for HIS purposes to be fulfilled through our lives, according to the revealed Word.

The form of the anointing meant to be realized in each one of us is deeply personal, a result of GOD’s precious handiwork in our lives.

The anointing has the purpose of enabling us to live in GOD’s will, with an intent of glorifying HIM. This is not a static enablement but, instead this is a growing, dynamic enablement - forever!

GOD’s anointing also carries with it a nature - the nature that the LORD JESUS perfected and completed in HIS manhood for us - that enables us to put on (and eventually express) the *moral* attributes of GOD, that express the nature of HIS Goodness and Excellence in the perfected realities of our personalities (see Romans 8:29).

The Word Of GOD (in 2 Peter 1:3-4,1-4) calls this as becoming partakers (through faith realized in the LORD JESUS CHRIST) of the divine nature. That is, we “feed” on the divine nature and so live by the **“I AM”** of GOD.

So for example, while Wisdom is an anointing that GOD gives by HIS Name, we will find that Wisdom is also unveiled with a nature that will *enable us to remain wise* in, and through, HIS **“I AM”** reality.

It Is Important To Make Right Choices

Because we are free will creatures, GOD reveals HIMSELF according to the choices that we make (see John 16:13,13-15; Mark 4:22-25). In the process of making our choices we also learn how to make the right choices, so that the blessings of GOD in our lives remain, and grow.

We learn to objectively reject evil. And we learn to draw strength from GOD to do that which we would otherwise not be able to do in ourselves.

Overcoming our weaknesses, becomes an on-line process in which we also come to learn how to live through GOD, in partnership with HIM. And through every minute experience, we come to know GOD more and more each day.

Knowing GOD becomes a ***continuum of growth*** that defines our lifestyle and our actual state of being in spirit, soul and body. It is very exciting and challenging to grow in the true knowledge of GOD. Because everything is new in GOD (see 2 Corinthians 5:17).

The Seven Spirits Of GOD

The anointings that GOD clothes our inward parts with can be broadly classified as **"I AM"** expressions of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Truth, Strength (or, Power) and, the Fear (or, Reverence) Of The LORD. Each of these expressions are communicated to us in the Spirit Of CHRIST.

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The Word Of GOD calls these seven streams of the anointings the seven ***Spirits*** Of GOD, given to us in CHRIST. Where CHRIST means the MESSIAH, the Anointed One.

Each Spirit stream is an anointing defined in the ***“I AM”*** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Each Spirit stream can be expressed in a limitless variety according to the Word Of GOD unveiled in our heart (see Mark 4:22-25). And, there can be several combinations of Spirit streams in practice. The varieties that are potentially possible ***through the revealed Word*** are simply astonishing.

We can understand each Spirit stream as a spectrum of (spiritual) Light with a frequency range of expression in CHRIST JESUS that is a facet of HIS Fullness. There is an ***infinite continuum*** of discrete expressions in each Spirit stream that are meant for our lives according to GOD’s purposes unveiled through the revealed Word.

A Covenant Relationship Must Be Unveiled

In the whole process of anointing us and setting us apart for HIS purposes, GOD has the intent of developing our relationship with HIM. HE wants us to know HIM so that we can learn to live in HIM, by HIM, through HIM and, for HIM.

The ***“I AM”*** of the LORD becomes the Bread Of Life to us. We learn to live by HIM - dependently. Without the foundation and anchor of ***“I AM”*** the anointing would destroy us even as one-third of the angelic hosts were destroyed in rebellion. Lucifer, who became satan, was once called the anointed cherub.

Through the Bread Of Life that enables an anointing to become part of our very state of being, GOD also structures something called a Covenant into our heart so that the anointings will be enabled through a carefully defined and crafted Covenant Of Life that binds us to GOD in our own free will.

A Covenant is a reality, defined by the writ of HIS Word revealed, that we have come to receive in the **"I AM"** of GOD, that enables us to actually function in partnership with GOD. In this partnership, HE is LORD and we become Servants Of GOD who function in a Covenant of the Word, through a wide spectrum of anointings fashioned into us.

This servanthood is a means of training which has the intent of defining or perfecting our sonship to GOD in practical, functional terms (see Hebrews 12:1-11).

2 Corinthians 3:3-6 defines this realm of servanthood in the following terms: **"... You are a letter of CHRIST ... written not with ink, but with the SPIRIT of the living GOD, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts. And such confidence we have through CHRIST toward GOD. Not that we are adequate in ourselves ... but *our adequacy is from GOD, WHO also made us adequate as servants of a New Covenant, not of the letter, but of the SPIRIT; for the letter kills, but the SPIRIT gives life.*"**

This Covenant state of sonship is actually described by different facets of the Name Of GOD, described as the Covenant Names Of GOD, the subject of the next chapter.

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In the Covenant Names Of GOD we catch a glimpse of the infinitude of the divine writ that exists as an inheritance in the **“I AM”** of GOD. In this inheritance we come to realize how much GOD actually loves us. Because all that HE gives, is of HIS Excellence unveiled through HIS Word which, has been glorified according to all of HIS Name (see Psalm 138:2, NASB).

“I AM The Bread Of Life” is therefore the reality - in CHRIST JESUS - in which GOD actually feeds us so that we can live by HIS Excellence realized from HIS Word revealed; and so, become (in functional terms) actual sons of GOD. AMEN!

“I AM The Light Of The World”

In this **“I AM”** statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 8:12, the reality of HIS **“I AM”** is portrayed as the Light Of The World.

The medium of communication is called the Light Of Life. This is the substance of HIS **“I AM”** revelation that illumines us. The substance of the illumination is from HIS Word.

When GOD feeds us in HIS **“I AM”** we come to see things in HIS Light. We become enlightened by HIM, as the **“I AM”** reality of HIM comes alive within us like a Lamp of radiant Light. That Lamp is a construct of the revealed Word fashioned in the Light Of Life.

This is HIS radiance alive from within us. This is why the Word Of GOD refers to us as lights, and GOD is called the FATHER

Of Lights (see James 1:17-18). HIS **"I AM"** reality becomes our enlightened state. This enlightened state is an anointed state realized through CHRIST JESUS.

So for example, Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding become a light of enlightenment within us, by which, we see the reality of GOD; and, what HE is able to do through us and, what we can unfold (in HIS enabled potential) in our lives through HIM.

We see in HIS faith realized, from HIS **"I AM"** Testimony of Spirit and Life unveiled in us (see John 6:63; Revelation 19:10). In HIS faith unveiled into us from HIS Testimony, by revelation, HE becomes the Author and Finisher of our faith (see Hebrews 12:2).

The Word Of GOD (in John 1:16-17) proclaims: **"Of HIS Fullness we have all received For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were *realized* through JESUS CHRIST."**

In this *realization* is the circumcised heart of flesh within us. ***In this realization, there is an enlightenment*** in which we put on HIS Light and become lights.

It is the intensity of the light of understanding (see Proverbs 9:10b) that circumcises our heart of flesh by the SPIRIT (see Romans 2:29; Hebrews 4:12) in CHRIST JESUS, that results in an inward reality of confidence (see Hebrews 3:14, KJV/NKJV). This inward confidence is an evidence of our faith in HIM, realized and fashioned ***from HIS faith*** for us.

The Light Of Life

The Bible declares that GOD Is Light. HIS Light is Truth and HIS Truth sets us free from all forms of darkness. In setting us free, we see that we receive HIS Light in an empowered state that enables us to walk away from the crippling effects of sin.

We no longer want to sin. We are no longer imprisoned by sin but, we are set free as the Sun Of Righteousness (see Malachi 4:2), the blazing reality of **"I AM"** realized within ourselves, rises with healing in **"ITS"** Wings. As HE unveils HIMSELF to our inward parts, we soar in the winds of HIS **"I AM"** SPIRIT in the realities of HIM unveiled in our heart and mind.

HIS Light opened to our lives enables us to become the product of HIS Righteousness. In the power of HIS Light, GOD enables us to do things in righteousness and not in crookedness.

In the natural sciences we see light as being the cutting edge of human technology. In the **"I AM"** of GOD the potentials are beyond imagination. Being enlightened in the **"I AM"** of GOD is, among other things, the realized potential of HIS reality in our lives. We actually learn to live through GOD in HIS Excellence realized (see 2 Peter 1:3-4).

This is why John 8:12 tells us that HIS **"I AM"** Light becomes the ***Light Of Life*** that we actually possess in our very being. In fact the Light Of Life becomes one of the elements of the construct of our being. And, this light received and possessed in our inward parts expresses the state of our being and the quality of our life and our lifestyle.

And, as long as the Sun Of Righteousness (or, the Bright Morning Star - see Revelation 22:16; 2 Peter 1:19) keeps shining within us we will live by HIM. And, the quality of our life will grow in accordance with the growing intensity of HIS Light in us.

“I AM The Door”

In this **“I AM”** statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 10:9, the reality of HIS **“I AM”** is portrayed as ***the*** Door. This is the Door that opens the practical, experiential, salvation reality of **“I AM”**.

This is the Door that opens HIS will and purpose for our lives in practical terms that actualize HIS blessings.

The Word Of GOD (in Psalm 139:14 and Romans 8:28-30) declares that GOD has fearfully and wonderfully made us; in HIS own likeness.

GOD ALMIGHTY brings the reality of HIS likeness into us, through the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST being perfected into the realities of our heart and mind, through the Word that reveals each facet of HIS **“I AM”**.

There Is Only One Door

As we come alive to GOD, new realities depicted as “doors” open to us in HIM. Because these opportunities are conformed to the reality of HIS **“I AM”**, the LORD JESUS refers to HIMSELF as ***the*** Door.

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Each door opened (through the revealed Word) is an opportunity to grow and develop and so become true sons, perfected in HIS image or in HIS likeness. This is an expression of sonship in practical functional terms.

Everything that GOD does with us comes only through the **“I AM”** Door of CHRIST JESUS. HIS **“I AM”** is the exclusive Door to the realization of the realities of our salvation. It follows that if we lose sight of the LORD JESUS *and substitute HIM* with religious practices and clever sounding theological principles, we will have foolishly closed the Door on HIS **“I AM”** potentials in our lives.

This is the reason why Christians can often find their Christianity a struggle. Because they have inadvertently replaced GOD’s astonishing promises and life-giving power with their own abilities and, a set of religious practices instead of **“I AM”**, WHO is *the* Life.

It is HIS faith realized through HIS **“I AM”** that moves mountains. We have to take care to receive HIS faith in the **“I AM”** of HIS Name and, in (realized conformance to) HIS Testimony revealed in HIS Light.

Sonship - A Realized Position

In the Word Of GOD we are called sons of GOD. This is a *realized position* as a consequence of our salvation.

The term “son” needs to be carefully understood. “Son” is not a term in the masculine gender as used in the languages of man. Rather “son” represents a fulfilled position and reality in JESUS the SON.

Scripture explains this as follows: **"For you are *all* sons of GOD through faith in CHRIST JESUS. For all of you who were baptized (or, immersed) into CHRIST have clothed yourselves with CHRIST. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in CHRIST JESUS."**

"I AM The Good Shepherd"

In this **"I AM"** statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 10:11, the reality of HIS **"I AM"** is depicted as a reality in which HE is realized to be the Good Shepherd. In this same passage the Good Shepherd is depicted as laying down HIS life for the sheep.

This is the Testimony of the love of GOD, that we are to *realize* in order that the reality of GOD's Hand on our life will become a *fact* of life.

GOD expects to be the Shepherd WHO protects us, WHO feeds us, WHO leads us, WHO speaks to us; so that, in all that we do in word and deed, HIS **"I AM"** reality will overshadow every form of enabled expression from us.

Please remember - always - that, the LORD overshadows us in the loving reality of having laid down HIS life for the sheep.

The Reality Of Being Overshadowed

We see some aspects of this reality of being overshadowed being described in tangible expressions of salvation, in the realities of

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Church growth, deliverance and healing, in Acts 5:12-16, **“And at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico.**

But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. And all the more believers in the LORD, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number; to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets, and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

And also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed.”

A Sanctuary In Living Stone

In this **“I AM”** reality of the Shepherd unveiled, HE becomes the ROCK in WHOM our lives are built.

The Shepherd is the actuality of **“I AM”** in WHOM, GOD brings us into a living and practical relationship with HIM. HE leads and we learn to function *under* GOD’s leadership.

We learn how to function *with* HIM. We learn how to function *in* HIS strength and *in* HIS enabling. We learn, in the **gratitude** that HE lay down HIS life for us to enable us to live.

Astonishing realities of learning how to function with GOD and through GOD await us as sons of GOD. As sons of GOD, astonishing realities, in which the power of the ALMIGHTY becomes our functional state, await us - in HIS love realized.

Psalm 23 reveals the reality in which GOD leads us for HIS Name sake, in the reality in which there will be *no want*. HE will restore us and enable us to trust HIM even in the valley of death.

HIS rod and staff will become the reality in which the power of GOD will manifest through our lives in HIS **“I AM”**, even as Moses used the staff that GOD gave HIM to bring an entire nation out of captivity!

The Shepherd leads us into the **“I AM”** Sanctuary Of GOD’s Name, an inward reality fashioned in living stone, through HIS Word crystallized into our heart, where we dwell in the House Of GOD forever (see Hebrews 3:4-6).

“I AM The Good Shepherd” is a reality in which GOD *overshadows* us with HIS Name in the reality of having loved us through the agony and humiliation of the cross.

“I AM The Resurrection And The Life”

In this **“I AM”** statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 11:25, the reality of HIS **“I AM”** is depicted as bringing the power of HIS resurrection into our lives.

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To be alive to the LORD JESUS CHRIST is to be alive to HIS power such that *HE enables* our living in supernatural faith terms.

This is faith expressed in a *transformed nature* fully alive to the **“I AM”** of GOD, in HIS Sovereign will and HIS goodness realized.

All through the pages of Scripture, GOD reveals HIMSELF as the GOD WHO performs signs and wonders. Everything that expresses the reality of GOD in our lives brings with it, supernatural effects.

Everything that GOD does goes beyond the capability of man (see Ephesians 3:20). The reality of GOD is by definition miraculous. Growing in GOD is a reality with signs and wonders.

The word “sign” comes from the Greek word “*semeia*” meaning, miraculous acts and visible demonstrations of **GOD’s power and authority**. The word “wonder” comes from the Greek word “*teras*” and refers to that which goes beyond the laws of nature.

The resurrection of the MAN JESUS from the dead was a sign and wonder of awesome proportions that expresses a realm of power called “resurrection power” that unveils the supernatural realities of our salvation in HIS **“I AM”** revealed.

The LORD JESUS declares that in HIS **“I AM”** this same empowered reality of HIS resurrection life is made available for us. To work within us, and amongst us, all that GOD seeks to accomplish in our lives, as an expression of HIS love fulfilled.

The fulfillment of the reality that we are each fearfully and wonderfully made.

The Word of GOD in Ephesians 2:10 proclaims: **“For we are HIS workmanship, *created* in CHRIST JESUS for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”**

There can be no greater expression of power than that of becoming a new creation in CHRIST JESUS (see 2 Corinthians 5:17)! We speak here of a new creation being unveiled from our inward parts of soul and spirit (see 2 Corinthians 4:16).

“I AM The Way, And The Truth, And The Life”

In this **“I AM”** statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 14:6, the reality of HIS **“I AM”** is depicted as defining the Way, the Truth and the Life into us.

This is a fully functional state of being in which GOD becomes, in tangible experiential and functional terms, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The implications are deep and exciting. This is the realized wonder of actually living in, by and through GOD - in HIS enabling power.

The prophet Isaiah (in Isaiah 9:6-7) announced that the *reality* to be brought alive to us in the LORD JESUS CHRIST is

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Wonderful, fully alive in the counsels of GOD, so that the reality of the Mighty GOD would be something that we are fully alive to. In such a way that the confidence in an Eternal FATHER would be established in peace in us and over us.

The reality of the Way, the Truth and the Life would be a lifestyle fully alive by GOD. The LORD JESUS demonstrated such a lifestyle in clear and unambiguous terms for us to see and receive as our inheritance in HIM, by HIM and through HIM - in ***HIS faith and love*** for us - to the glory of GOD the FATHER. AMEN!

“I AM The True Vine”

In this “**I AM**” statement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST taken from John 15:1, the reality of HIS “**I AM**” or, the reality of GOD unveiled in HIS “**I AM**” is depicted as the True Vine, from WHOM we are expressed as HIS branches (as noted in John 15:5).

This is the testimony that GOD wants us to fully realize. Where the fruits of our life would be of the True Vine. Everything produced from our lives will be of HIS very substance and reality, as the fruit of a branch of a plant would be.

The branch will be *fully* and *entirely* dependent on the plant for its life and its fruitfulness. And, this life and fruitfulness will be entirely of the fullness of the substance of the True Vine WHOM we have willingly taken hold of in fully derived and dependent terms. AMEN!

But the wonder is when we actually understand that the fruitfulness will be of HIS stature and not of ours. This is when

we will understand what GOD means when HE says, **“I AM The Life!”** AMEN!

In this chapter, we have seen snapshots of how the **“I AM”** of GOD unfolds a dynamic and many-faceted, complex *relationship*, realized in the reality of growing supernaturally, so as to be fruitful through the **“I AM”** of GOD. This is a reality that unfolds from our inward parts. Our inward parts are being unveiled in the awesome reality of GOD’s eternal blessings fashioned into us, so as to be fully functional through us, by HIS Name!

In the next chapter we are going to see snapshots of the realities in which GOD unfolds HIS Oath of Covenant into our lives - individually and collectively.

The Realities Of GOD

By revealing HIS Name as “**I AM**” and, by describing HIS “**I AM**” in seven graphic declarations, GOD is expressing the necessary and all encompassing reality of HIMSELF in our lives. It is in this reality of HIM, made alive in the “**I AM**” of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, that GOD describes and unveils the true realities of HIS salvation.

HIS “**I AM**” reality becomes the basis (and fulfillment) of life. HE is the True Vine and we are HIS branches. Bearing fruit by HIM.

How we see HIM, how we relate to HIM and, how we live through HIM defines the quality of our life. Life outside the reality of GOD is ultimately realized to be *unsustainable*.

We need to get to grips with the realities of GOD, because the realities of GOD define the many facets of life that are available to us from GOD.

And, the realities of GOD also unveil HIS blessings in growing fulfillment; because, every reality of GOD is ultimately sustained by an ***enabling*** received from HIM.

James 1:17 declares that, ***“Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the FATHER Of Lights, with WHOM there is no variation, or shifting shadow.”*** Notice the use of the word “every”!

In order to enter the reality of HIS provision in HIS Name, we simply need to ask, to seek and, to knock at the Door of HIS Name by the HOLY SPIRIT (see Luke 11:9-13).

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In the last chapter we described how the “**I AM**” of GOD should unfold in our lives beginning with the reality of “**I AM**” being the Bread Of Life.

When the “**I AM**” of GOD feeds us, from the Testimony of HIS Word revealed in CHRIST JESUS, we become enlightened. HE becomes our light and we see by HIM. When we are enlightened we see the Door of opportunities opened to us in the many faceted realities of GOD made meaningfully alive to us through the Testimony Of JESUS.

This enlightenment is revelation knowledge made available to all of us by GOD (see Mark 4:22-25) according to how we choose to hear and receive HIS Word (see Mark 4:20; Matthew 13:23; Luke 8:15).

Every opportunity is defined in HIS **“I AM”**. An opportunity means nothing in itself. But, in HIS **“I AM”** unveiled every opportunity has the potential of realizing something of GOD that will remain in us forever. We will also have learned to function in GOD through each opportunity.

Without **“I AM”**, an opportunity will eventually become unsustainable and its benefits will actually disappear. Simply because we have no power in ourselves to sustain the reality.

But, in GOD, the **“I AM”** of GOD opened through each opportunity is an abiding reality that strengthens our ability to function in GOD. It also enhances our knowledge of GOD.

It is the unsustainability of our realities that is the tragedy of human life on earth. We seem to have something tangible for some time, sometimes for almost a lifetime and suddenly it vanishes from before our eyes. In the process we have lost a life time to futility.

But, life on earth is not futile. When developed in the reality that **“I AM Is Life”**, we enter the reality of the abiding - the reality that remains in our inward parts (see 2 Corinthians 4:16).

When opportunities open we must make sure that we are being *led* and *fed* by GOD all the time. HE must be the Shepherd. What comes alive in GOD also remains in GOD. And, we will increasingly discover the reality of being sustained in GOD and by GOD.

While the transitory that is of the earth is left behind and may even pass away, the abiding that is of our soul and spirit remains. Our inward parts are built in a reality that is abiding. GOD will be alive in our inward parts and HE will be our confidence.

When GOD is alive to us, HIS “**I AM**” revealed raises us into the reality of a life lived *in* and *by* the power of the LORD JESUS’ resurrection - in a growing continuity that is abiding. In the experience of this abiding reality, we begin to see that the “**I AM**” of GOD is the Way, the Truth and, the Life.

When we live in this reality, HE becomes the True Vine and we become HIS branches bearing fruit *in* and *by* HIS excellence. AMEN!

HIS “**I AM**” actuality permeates the witness of our inward parts of soul and spirit. We become alive to GOD and, we realize a reality of being alive by GOD.

Being Fashioned Creatively

From receiving HIM as the Bread Of Life through to bearing fruit in HIS Excellence, GOD has given us a picture of how HE plans to creatively develop us from our inward parts and, unfold our lives as a testimony of HIM and HIS handiwork.

However, the plan requires us to participate in our own free will, by faith received from HIM and, by faith expressed in HIM. HE expects us to draw HIS plan for our lives through our heart.

The Book Of Proverbs (20:5) expresses this with particular clarity: **“A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, but a man of understanding draws it out.”**

Given that understanding is defined as knowing the HOLY ONE (see Proverbs 9:10), we see that the place from which we access GOD’s plan for our lives arises from within us, in the **“I AM”** of GOD unveiled in the context of HIS Word revealed to our heart.

When this is so, everything in GOD *always* has something substantive that is perfected into our soul and spirit. The soul and spirit are parts of our being that have the potential to remain in GOD.

There is therefore a *continuum* in which GOD fashions us creatively.

This creative continuum is entirely of CHRIST JESUS (see Ephesians 2:10; John 1:16-17). This creative continuum is the reality of the abiding (in GOD) as opposed to the transitory (that is of man).

This reality of the abiding is a reality of HIS Light that we have appropriated. This Light represents every blessing that GOD has given us (see James 1:17) and this Light is also our Armour Of Light (see Romans 13:12; Ephesians 6:10-17).

Understanding The Meaning Of Covenant

Given the general plan of our development (individual and collective) in HIM, how does GOD give expression to this development? In this chapter we are going to describe the realities in which GOD expects us to see HIM and to experience HIM in growing measure - forever.

We grow in HIM and by HIM, in terms of all that we are able to draw from HIM. And, HE requires us to express what we receive, in our lives and into the lives of others so that our growth will be fashioned in an expression of love rather than self-centered and selfish competition.

In the world system we are taught that competition “creates” opportunities and wealth. In the Kingdom Of GOD, we see that HIS love creates eternal opportunities for the expression of the riches of GOD’s Glory; in which, *we all grow* without having to feed some silly “super-ego” or, “cutting someone else’s throat” or, “manipulating situations and other human beings to our advantage”.

The Word Of GOD describes feeding the super-ego as pride, the most fundamental basis for the sinful state, the deification of self. Cutting someone else’s throat is the spiritual equivalent of murder! And, manipulating situations and others is in spiritual terms witchcraft!

The Covenant Realities In “I AM”

The realities of “**I AM**” on the other hand are revealed and established in our life as “Covenant realities”. “Covenant realities” are simply realities of “**I AM**” opened to us in the LORD JESUS, that are meant to describe our life and our lifestyle in HIM and, through HIM in the realities of the living Word unveiled into our heart, in the Testimony Of JESUS.

Imagine a life and a lifestyle ordained by divine writ! A Covenant is an Oath made by GOD in HIS OWN PERSON, opened to our heart and mind as a reality of promise (of growing fulfillment) by divine writ, in which we can live in GOD, by GOD and through GOD! This is true life realized.

A Covenant is a growing framework of HIS Word revealed into our heart for the unveiling of HIS purposes and HIS blessings.

A Covenant is a realized, purposeful blessing made alive within us, in terms that reflect the Sovereignty of the ALMIGHTY. HE IS GOD. And the *fact* that HE IS GOD, must always be alive in the Covenant reality that we are blessed with.

A Covenant Is Fashioned From HIS Testimony Received

GOD reveals HIMSELF through HIS Testimony, which is the Word Of GOD revealed into our heart - in HIS Name. When HIS Testimony unveils HIS Word into our heart, with understanding, so that we “see” HIM - we receive revelation.

Remember, true revelation always has GOD at the center of the revelation. Never a set of principles because, a principle is only meant to illustrate the reality of HIS **"I AM"**.

In this revelation is released (by divine writ into the tablets of our heart) the reality of our salvation and, all that we are each called to live in. Revelation has the potentials of being the conduit through which GOD will reveal HIMSELF to you and me - *forever* (see Deuteronomy 29:29; Mark 4:22-25).

The realities in which GOD reveals HIMSELF to you and me is defined as HIS Testimony revealed to us. In this definition, we realize a framework of HIS Word that becomes our Covenant with HIM.

The Covenant describes realities that GOD has revealed to you and me, personally, according to how we have received HIM. Covenant realities, are realities which you and I have received and taken possession of, in a living relationship with HIM, in our own free will response to HIS **"I AM"** revealed.

[As we grow in HIS love, what unfolds is a corporate Covenant in which we can collectively move in the spiritual reality of an agreement in one heart and one Spirit, through the Name Of JESUS. This unity in love, is the reality that will unveil the explosive power of GOD's Right Hand over a Body corporate.

In 2,000 years we have only glimpsed this reality manifest, but we will begin to see amazing realities of GOD's Right Hand manifest over the Church in the near future as HE unveils HIS **"I AM"** in our hearts (see John 17:26).]

A Growing Reality Of Being Fruitful

We are meant to be able to function in this Covenant reality and bear fruit in HIS Name. This represents the growing fulfillment of the “**I AM**” reality called the “**True Vine**”.

The FATHER prunes each branch of the Vine so that it bears more fruit in HIS “**I AM**” Excellence. The well-being of each branch is entirely dependent on the status of the Vine that the branch holds on to by faith, realized and perfected in HIS love. The fruit of each branch represents the reality of GOD’s blessings realized.

Having explained the reality of Covenant released into our hearts by divine writ, let us take a broad overview of the realities that GOD expects to establish in each and every one of our lives.

Please remember that although we are speaking in terms of broad generalities, you will, *as you absorb GOD’s Word*, come to realize very *definitive* realities in which *each and every* Covenant reality mentioned will be established and fulfilled in *your* life.

It will take time but, it will come forth. Life in GOD is a *continuum* of growth (see Mark 4:26-28,20-25), in increasing measures of HIS Fullness (see John 1:16-17; Ephesians 3:19, 16-20) - forever! ***Being fruitful by HIM is the testimony to actually being alive!***

EL ELYON - The MOST HIGH GOD

The first Covenant Name that GOD unveils in the written Word Of GOD, as HIS PERSONAL Testimony, is EL ELYON - the MOST HIGH GOD, possessor of heaven and earth.

GOD proclaims HIS exalted position as Owner of the universe. HE is the MOST HIGH. The point is, HE wants us to discover the *fact* that HE is the MOST HIGH! And, this is a reality HE means to unveil to us in CHRIST JESUS (see Ephesians 2:4-7; 1:3-5,19-23).

HE wants that reality of HIM as MOST HIGH, to express the potentials of our lives from HIS greatness! It is with this astonishing purpose that GOD introduces HIMSELF in these terms.

HE expresses this Name to Abraham, who is addressed in the Word Of GOD (in prophetic terms) as the father of nations. GOD expresses this Name in personal terms to Abraham; and HE does this in very peculiar circumstances after Abraham has returned victorious in battle.

The episode of the revelation is described as follows in Genesis 14:17-23, **“Then after his (Abraham’s) return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him (Abraham) at the valley of Shavez (that is, the King’s Valley).**

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out Bread and Wine; now he was a priest of GOD MOST HIGH (EL

ELYON). **And he blessed him (Abraham) and said, “Blessed be Abram of GOD MOST HIGH, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be GOD MOST HIGH (EL ELYON), WHO has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he (Abraham) gave him (Melchizedek) a tenth of all.**

And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself.” And Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have sworn to the LORD GOD MOST HIGH, possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you should say, “I have made Abram rich.”””

Recognizing GOD As BEING MOST HIGH

Abraham receives the blessings of Melchizedek and instinctively understands that everything in life is dependent on the benevolence and favour of GOD.

He has just won a victory. But instead of seeing the victory as being a manifestation of his prowess in battle, he sees it as being GOD's favour and provision.

He *refuses* to recognize anything that may appear to undermine the exclusive fact of GOD's Sovereign favour and provision over his life!

Abraham recognizes GOD as BEING The MOST HIGH!

When GOD Is MOST HIGH, We Become Blessed

It is from this witness alive from his heart, that GOD on HIS part goes on to raise Abraham as the father of nations and declares that through Abraham HE will bless ***all*** nations!

HE gives Abraham a position of distinction that will last forever! Only GOD IS MOST HIGH but, in this Light of GOD's OWN Excellence, Abraham shines as GOD's chosen instrument of blessing on all nations!

Please catch this. There will always be nations in the eternal future. New nations unfolding in the expanse of the heavenlies.

Understand that we all have opportunities - forever - to be chosen instruments of blessing on nations.

The Word Of GOD expresses this reality in peculiar terms in Isaiah 54:2-3, **“Enlarge the place of your tent; stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your pegs. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations, and they will resettle the desolate cities.”**

GOD Ordained Success Factors

In the last chapter we spoke of the reality of **“I AM”** as **“the Bread Of Life”**. We see this reality being foreshadowed in the above passage from Genesis, as Melchizedek blesses Abraham as belonging to GOD MOST HIGH - HIS chosen vessel to unfold HIS purposes.

The Bread and the Wine depict the “*success factors*” that Abraham needs in order to see the fulfillment of his destiny in the MOST HIGH GOD. The Bread and Wine are not only the “success factors” that Abraham needs but, they are also the success factors by which the nations will live in the reality of the MOST HIGH.

These *prophetic success factors* are all only revealed and realized in the “**I AM**” of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

From the revelations that arise from the LORD JESUS’ PERSON and ministry, we see that Bread represents that which will feed us so that we can live by the “**I AM**” of GOD revealed through CHRIST JESUS.

Wine represents Blood which is the *bond of Covenant* between GOD and man, fulfilled through the Blood of JESUS the LAMB OF GOD and, *realized in a living relationship* made alive in the “**I AM**” of CHRIST JESUS.

Blood represents the living expression of GOD’s love in redeeming us and saving us from sin, sickness and death. Blood expresses the convicting reality of GOD’s love actually realized within us, that fuels all of our pursuits in GOD.

Blood enables us to live.

Through realized realities in the prophetic expressions of Bread and Wine, GOD means to ensure the formation of an enlightened state within us, that will be enable us to see HIM as

MOST HIGH; and, also see all things that derive from HIS Excellence as functional realities in HIM!

This reality, prophetically described as a Passover (see Luke 22:14-16; Ephesians 1:22-23), will define the quality and the fruits of our life in HIM - forever. AMEN!

Can you see the economics of salvation? See John 5:19-21 and John 1:16-17. May GOD the HOLY SPIRIT minister the realities of the MOST HIGH as a growing vision of your destiny in the LORD JESUS CHRIST (see John 16:13-15). AMEN!

EL SHADDAI - The ALMIGHTY GOD

The reality of GOD is meant to become a Covenant defined and written into our hearts. The Covenant reality of GOD is called EL SHADDAI - the ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO is the All-Sufficient ONE. This prophetic reality of “**I AM**” was introduced to Abraham in spectacular terms as recorded in Genesis 17:1-5,11,13.

“Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I AM GOD ALMIGHTY (EL SHADDAI); walk before ME, and be blameless. And I will establish MY Covenant between ME and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.”

And Abram fell on his face, and GOD talked with him, saying, “As for ME, behold, MY Covenant is with you, and

you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

... And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be the sign of the Covenant between ME and you ... thus shall MY Covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting Covenant.”

A Circumcised Heart

The reality in which GOD’s Covenant will be in our flesh for an *everlasting* Covenant is a revelation that actually unfolds over 2,000 years of human history.

Commencing with Abraham, it continues with Moses in Deuteronomy 30:6 on the following terms: **“Moreover the LORD your GOD will circumcise *your heart and the heart of your descendants*, to love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.”**

Circumcision is the reality of the heart unveiled to the **“I AM”** of GOD, in which, we are made to realize the fact that GOD is ALMIGHTY and All-Sufficient. And, in this reality come to realize HIS astonishing love for us. And so, be drawn to love HIM with all of our heart (which includes our imaginations) and soul.

The Seed Of Abraham

GOD told Abraham that he needed to be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin as an outward sign of the Covenant between GOD and himself.

The reason for the circumcision of the foreskin was to point to the importance of the Covenant and its promises, to the life of the generations that would follow. And, to point in both natural and symbolic spiritual terms, to the seed of Abraham being blessed in the reality of GOD's Covenant and its promises.

The spiritual seed - that transcends space and time (past, present and future) - is realized in CHRIST through the lineage that came forth through the natural seed.

The Book Of Galatians (3:26-29) expresses the reality in which this comes about: **“For you are all sons of GOD through faith in CHRIST JESUS. For all of you who were *baptized* (meaning “immersed”) into CHRIST have clothed yourselves with CHRIST. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in CHRIST JESUS. And if you belong to CHRIST, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”**

One of the questions I have been asked during ministry is how could GOD choose only one man Abraham, to reveal HIS blessings?

In the advent and resurrection of CHRIST JESUS we receive the answer. That all human beings become partakers of Abraham's promises through Abraham's spiritual seed CHRIST (see Gal 3:16). How?

By faith in the Name Of JESUS. Given that *the faith of GOD* transcends space and time - in terms of past, present and future - we can see the means by which salvation is manifested across the dimensions of space and time (see Revelation 1:7-8,4-8).

Past, present and future are all sanctified in the intents of GOD's heart. Abraham was just the means through which the line of the MESSIAH would be established. The fact and the reality of the **eternal** blessings of GOD - in HIS **"I AM"** - would only come through CHRIST JESUS.

This **"I AM"** reality is a circumcised reality of the heart unveiled in each one of us uniquely (see Exodus 32:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:3-6).

Revelation 1:7-8 declares: **"Behold, HE is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see HIM, even those who pierced HIM; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over HIM. Even so. AMEN (see Revelation 3:14b). "I AM the Alpha and the Omega," says the LORD GOD, "WHO is and WHO was and WHO is to come, the ALMIGHTY."**

1000 years before CHRIST, it was written in the Psalms (22:29): **"... All those who go down to the dust will bow before HIM, even he who cannot keep his soul alive."**

The fulfilled reality of a circumcised heart was pointed to by Moses 1,450 years before the book of Galatians was written. Through Moses, GOD (as noted in Deuteronomy 30:6,8) begins to unveil the inward dimensions of this circumcision as being unveiled in the heart.

Through Ezekiel (36:25-27), GOD points to a heart of flesh. Through the LORD JESUS (as noted in John 6:48), GOD points to HIS **"I AM"** revealed becoming the Bread Of Life that results in a heart of flesh (see John 6:51; 1:16-17).

The bottomline is that the Covenant reality is to be brought forth in a *heart of flesh fashioned in the "I AM" of GOD* (see 2 Cor 3:3-6; Exodus 31:18; 32:15-16). In this miracle of transformation, GOD will become to us, EL SHADDAI - the ALMIGHTY and All-Sufficient ONE.

CHRIST - The Spiritual Seed Of Abraham

How is CHRIST the spiritual seed of Abraham? Abraham's promises were spoken into all nations of the world (see Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-5; 17:1-7; 22:1-18). The promises were to manifest in two streams - in the natural and in the spiritual.

In the natural the promises were to come through Isaac the son of Abraham, in whom the natural line in which the MESSIAH would come, would be established. And this has come to pass.

There are other promises that also cover Ishmael the father of the Arab nations. It is prophetically significant that when Abraham

died, his sons Ishmael and Isaac buried him in a grave facing Mamre (see Genesis 25:9) where Abram had built an altar to the LORD after separation from Lot (see Genesis 13:14-18). See also Isaiah 19:23-25. See also Isaiah 60:7,1-7 in the context of Genesis 25:13 and take note of the names Nebaioth and Kedar the eldest sons of Ishmael.

The spiritual reality in which the eternal promises of GOD would be established were to come through the MESSIAH HIMSELF WHO would be revealed as a sacrifice for the salvation of all mankind. This was foreshadowed in Genesis 22:7-14 (circa 2100 B.C.) where Isaac was substituted by the ram of the sacrifice, as noted in Genesis 22:7-14, that is reproduced below.

Abraham and his natural seed Isaac could never fulfill the eternal spiritual dimensions in which all the nations of the world - past, present and future - would be blessed (see Revelation 21:22-27; 22:1-5). There had to be a substitute, provided for by the LORD GOD HIMSELF.

This “substitute” would bless the nations through the fulfillment of an *eternal* sacrifice that would bring salvation and the promised realities of salvation to all nations - on a personalized basis through the fulfillment of a supernaturally circumcised heart of flesh (see Romans 2:29; Philippians 3:3). AMEN!

The passage from Genesis 22:7-14 reads as follows: **“And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the Burnt Offering.**

And Abraham said, “GOD will provide for HIMSELF the lamb for the Burnt Offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

Then they came to the place of which GOD had told him; and Abraham built the altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

And he said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear (reverence) GOD, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from ME.”

Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a Burnt Offering in the place of his son.”

And Abraham called the Name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, “In the Mount Of The LORD it will be provided.””

The Book Of Revelation (see 13:8, KJV) declares that the LAMB OF GOD was slain from the foundation of the world (in the reality of GOD’s all knowing Omniscience).

Through this sacrifice, foreshadowed in the above passage from Genesis 22, fulfilled by the LAMB OF GOD some two thousand years later, there opens to us *all* a reality in the “**I AM**” of GOD where the LORD will provide. This is the next reality of the “**I AM**” of GOD that we will take a glimpse at. This too was a Covenant reality opened from the time of Abraham.

I AM WHO I AM - I AM Your Provider

Abraham is an unique individual in the unfolding reality of GOD’s Sovereign provision. Abraham was called forth by GOD, from the midst of his family and his people, at the age of 75. GOD had a purpose that HE sought to unveil through Abraham and the generations that followed him.

Although there were many and varied nations all around, GOD calls Abraham the father of nations in whom all nations (including those already in existence) would be blessed and provided for in the reality of “**The LORD Will Provide**” - expressed by the Covenant Name of GOD called “**YAHWEH-Jireh**”.

GOD’s Name is written as “**YHWH**” in the Hebrew Scriptures, where “**YHWH**” means “**I AM WHO I AM**” as revealed to Moses (see Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-3).

Since there is no possible pronunciation to “**YHWH**”, theologians have made GOD’s Name pronounceable by inserting the vowels “A” and “E” to make the Name Of GOD “**YAHWEH**”!

[There is also a shortened form of the Name Of GOD in Scripture called YAH; and so, YAHWEH is a reasonable assumption.]

The Name **“YHWH”** is normally translated in English Bibles as LORD in capital letters. So the reality **“The LORD Will Provide”** from Genesis 22:14 is actually **“YHWH Will Provide”** or **YAHWEH-Jireh**. **YAHWEH-Jireh** means **“I AM WHO I AM - Your Provider”** or, **“I AM WHO I AM Will Provide”**.

In this book you will notice that the Name “LORD JESUS CHRIST” is fully capitalized. The reason for this is because the term LORD is entirely an expression of **“I AM”**.

The Name “JESUS” is capitalized because it gives expressive meaning to the **“I AM”** of GOD by which every reality of GOD will come to us in the eternal future.

The Name “CHRIST” is capitalized because the *enabling* to receive and live by the **“I AM”** of the Name Of JESUS, comes in the reality of the CHRIST alive in us - *by HIS Spirit*.

The “I AM” Of JESUS Reveals YHWH

We need to receive something here. The true reason why GOD provides no pronunciation to HIS Name, **“YHWH”**, is because the Name Of GOD is a revelation realized in **“I AM”** from the depths of our heart, soul and mind; and, not in pronounced external terms.

The revelation of “**I AM**” can *only* be understood and realized when the LORD JESUS CHRIST comes into our life from realities unveiled to our inward parts (see Matthew 5:8; 1 John 5:6,10; Hebrews 5:13-14).

The revelation of “**I AM**” (see John 17:6,26) is exclusive to the *Spirit* and *Life* of the LORD JESUS CHRIST (see John 6:63) unveiled to our inward parts through HIS Words.

The revelation of “**I AM**” is realized in a fully *functional* state of being, according to how we have come to love (and live) the LORD our GOD, revealed to our heart, soul and mind through the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

In John 17:6 the LORD JESUS, in praying before HE went to the cross, declares that HE has *manifested* the FATHER’s Name to us! In John 17:26, in the context of this same prayer, the LORD JESUS declares that HE has revealed the FATHER’s Name *and will continue to do so* in the future - after HIS death and resurrection, forever!

This prayer was prayed before HE went to the cross. And so, this prayer is vindicated by HIS resurrection because only GOD can raise the dead. And the power of HIS resurrection continues to be vindicated in the supernatural changes unfolded in each one of our lives.

The cross is the pivotal point (in our life) at which GOD actually becomes our Provider - in HIS “I AM” reality unveiled into the tablets of our heart, that will in turn

illumine our soul and mind into the understanding of all that HE seeks to give us so that we will live by HIM.

GOD Provides In And By And Through HIS “I AM”

Genesis 22 points to the reality of GOD The Provider, in the context of a sacrifice whose meaning holds the keys to our ascent into the Mount Of The LORD (see Psalm 24:3-4; 15:1-2); where, all of our needs will be provided in the “**I AM**” of GOD revealed.

The realities in this sacrifice reveal an Oath sworn by GOD HIMSELF that HE will provide for us in and from HIS “**I AM**” PERSON. This is why the LORD JESUS has to be “**I AM**” expressed, to have any useful bearing to us in the context of Biblical revelation (see ***John 8:58***).

The purpose of the sacrifice is to open the “**I AM**” of GOD to our eyes (see John 17:6a,26), that we may clearly receive the realities of GOD that will enable us to live by HIM, *through HIS provision*.

If the LORD JESUS weren't “**I AM**” expressed, HIS sacrifice would have absolutely no bearing on anyone in the dimensions of eternity.

Deny the “**I AM**” of the LORD JESUS and you and I will never receive salvation. Because salvation can only come through the Name Of GOD (see Psalm 54:1)! Which is why “JESUS” or “YESHUA” simply means in Hebrew: “YAHWEH Saves”.

The Name **YAHWEH-Jireh** is crucial to our understanding of all Scripture. **YAHWEH-Jireh** means “**I AM WHO I AM - I Will Provide**”. This is crucial to our understanding that all provision comes from GOD. And, it is provision enabled through an eternal sacrifice - not the human intellect or human effort or human organization!

It is our *enabled* ability and willingness to receive of the fullness of the sacrifice (see John 1:16-17), that determines how we are provided for and, to what extent we are provided for.

It is our *enabled ability* and *willingness* to receive that determines to what stature we have grown in HIM and by HIM.

The degree in which we have grown to function in YAHWEH-Jireh is the measure of our success in life.

GOD Provides Through Revelation Knowledge

The succeeding portion of Scripture that reveals this Name in Genesis 22:14, declares “**in the Mount Of The LORD it will be provided**”.

Something called the Mount Of The LORD is being described as a place where it will be provided. But it is YAHWEH WHO is the Provider.

The Mount Of The LORD is describing the reality of GOD unveiled and, it is in this reality of GOD unveiled that it will be provided. This provision is an enabled provision.

This is crucial to our understanding of Scripture because, so much of modern day teaching in Church is often confined to principles learned rather than revelation knowledge received that, comes in the reality of the Mount Of The LORD - in the reality of the Name Of GOD revealed. ***Revelation knowledge has the purpose of enabling us to function by GOD.***

The result has been a general void in the revelation knowledge of GOD's power in every day Christian living.

When the psalmist David speaks of the Mount (or, Hill) Of The LORD he speaks of a heart (see Psalm 24:3-4 and Psalm 15:1-2) that every Christian has been given in the new birth!

A heart meant to be circumcised by GOD the HOLY SPIRIT (see Roman 2:29) in the Covenant realities of GOD the FATHER, revealed in GOD the SON and, made alive to us by GOD the HOLY SPIRIT; that, will result in tangible provision received in direct communion with GOD, strengthening each Christians ability to live by GOD. Because only GOD Is Life.

[We just introduced the “fully integrated” reality of GOD in the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. We shall take a glimpse at the reality of GOD BEING ONE in a TRINITY in the next chapter.]

Understanding GOD's Provision That Enables Us To Know HIM

What are the dimensions of GOD's provision? There are a total of seven Covenant Names of GOD that enable us to see the dimensions of our provision in HIM. Seven depicts perfection.

Every one of these Covenant Names mandate the necessary reality of "**I AM**". Because all of the provision comes out of the "**I AM**" of GOD.

GOD is ***the*** Provider. And GOD expects every one of us to understand this and to live by this *fact* of life that, only GOD provides. Every Christian must come to ***understand*** (see Proverbs 9:10) this personally.

We can't function as we should, until we all function in what GOD has given us.

Everyone has been ordained to walk into the works that the FATHER has ordained from the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 2:10). We have been given HIS Fullness in order to do so (see John 1:16-17; Ephesians 3:19,16-20).

In HIS provision we come to know HIM and to realize an actual relationship. And, this relationship unfolds as we learn to actually function in HIM, and by HIM, and for HIM.

YAHWEH-ROHI: The Shepherd The STONE Of Israel

This is the reality in **“I AM”** in which GOD becomes our foundation. HE is the ROCK in WHOM the House of our lives (called the House Of CHRIST in Hebrews 3:6) is built.

The Shepherd leads us into the reality in which GOD becomes the bedrock of every facet of our life.

The reference to this Covenant Name is found in Genesis 49:22-26 depicted over the lives of those who are like Joseph the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham - *inheritors* of the promises given by GOD to HIS *sons*.

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; its branches run over over a wall.”

[Catch this please. Joseph is here being described as a branch of the Vine. But Joseph is a branch from which other branches spring up. The Hebrew term translated as “bough” is in its literal meaning “son”. So, **“Joseph is a fruitful son”**. We are seeing a prophetic reference to those whom GOD has called forth as sons of GOD, in the SON (see Galations 3:26-29). Now let’s read the blessing that is unfolded into our lives!]

“The archers bitterly attacked him, but his bow remained firm, and his arms were agile, from the Hands of the Mighty ONE Of Jacob.

[From there is the Shepherd, the STONE Of Israel.]

From the GOD of your father WHO helps you, and by the ALMIGHTY WHO blesses you with blessings of heaven above. Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

The blessings of your father have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors *up to the utter most bounds of the everlasting hills*; may they be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.”

The Reality Of Limitless Provision

We are each meant to grow in the reality of the Shepherd, the STONE Of Israel so as to be a blessing to nations in the eternal future (see Ephesians 1:22-23). We just spoke of YAHWEH-Jireh and how this reality of GOD opens into the Mount Of The LORD.

Notice how the blessings upon the sons of GOD go into **“the utter most bounds of the *everlasting hills*”**. The term **“everlasting hills”** speaks of the realities in **“I AM”** meant to be opened to our heart. Remember HE is the MOST HIGH!

The psalmist proclaims (in Psalm 24:3-4): **“Who may ascend into the Hill Of The LORD? And who may stand in HIS Holy Place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.”**

The psalmist again proclaims (in Psalm 15:1-2) that a dwelling place is opened to us in the Mount Of The LORD: **“O LORD, who may abide in THY Tent? Who may dwell on THY Holy Hill? He who walks in integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart.”**

A Heart That Responds To The Shepherds Leading

Notice the central importance of the (circumcised) heart to the ascent and dwelling in the Hill Of The LORD. In both these Psalms the Hebrew word for *hill* is the same word as that used in Genesis 22:14 to describe the word *mount*.

So GOD wants us to know HIM. The answer to the question, “WHO IS GOD” is therefore the very basis of life and every blessing in HIM.

The Shepherd is very personal in HIS dealings with us. You and I need to take hold of this fact of life with conviction and with certainty. Because HE is our present and future; in WHOM, all of our past will be redeemed and brought into fruition.

Because, HE is our foundation, the ROCK or the STONE in WHOM our lives are hewn out of. This is why we are called *living stones* in 1 Peter 2:5.

The uttermost bounds of the everlasting hills await our discovery under the Shepherd’s leading, HIS protection and HIS feeding! AMEN!

1 Peter 2:9 declares: ***“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for GOD’s possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of HIM WHO has called you out of darkness into HIS marvelous Light ...”***

YAHWEH-ROPHE: The Healer

This is a reality opened in Scripture in the time of Moses. GOD heals. Exodus 15:22-27 records the revelation: ***“Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.***

And when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”

Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There HE made for them a statute and regulation, and there HE tested them.

And HE said, “If you will give earnest heed to the Voice Of The LORD your GOD, and do what is right in HIS sight, and give ear to HIS commandments, and keep all HIS statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, AM your Healer.”

Then they came to Elim where there were *twelve* springs of water and *seventy* date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.”

The Healing Waters Of Life

In Scripture, the Voice Of GOD is expressed as many waters or abundant waters (see Ezekiel 1:24-25; Revelation 1:15,10-17).

In Scripture, the Word Of GOD, in terms of the cleansing potentials in its revelation, is also expressed as water (see Ephesians 5:25-27).

In the Book Of Jeremiah (2:13), YAHWEH calls HIMSELF (“**I AM**”) the Fountain Of Living Waters.

The purpose of GOD’s Word alive in our hearts is to cleanse us so that we will be healed and delivered from the *realities of falsehood* that consume us.

We live in a reality where the waters are poisoned. GOD proposes to take us out of that reality by bringing forth the Tree Of Life from within us through the seed of HIS Word.

1 Peter 1:23 expresses this reality in the following terms: **“For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding Word Of GOD.”**

The catalyst of growth is our faith in HIM realized from HIS faith for us. Because we are told that the Word of HIS Voice spoken into our hearts abides forever (see 1 Peter 1:25).

In HIS teachings, the LORD JESUS portrayed faith as a mustard seed that has the potential of unfolding into a tree (see Matthew 13:31-32; 17:20).

HE also declared that true faith has the potentials of moving mountains (see Mark 11:22-24; Matthew 17:20). All this involves true faith formed through the Word Of GOD alive in the expression of HIS “**I AM**” reality (see Mark 4:26-28,20-25).

Being Perfected And Completed

Our healed state is described in prophetic symbolism in terms of 12 springs and 70 date palms in our passage from Exodus. The reality is besides the waters of life that are an expression of HIS living Word flowing from the “**I AM**” Fountain Of Living Waters.

The pictorial scene is one of a restored people represented by twelve, a numeral that signifies the Church. Seventy date palms are expressions of trees bearing fruit. Seventy represents seven by ten; where, seven represents ***perfection*** and ten represents ***completion***.

We are meant to be ***perfected*** and ***completed*** so as to be fruit bearing in our healed state. In order to enter this reality of being healed we must give earnest heed to GOD’s Word made alive in our heart and, *live* the Word in what we do. But, this Word must

always flow forth from the Fountain Of Living Waters - HIS **“I AM” PERSON.**

In all of this, it is the reality of WHO GOD IS that brings the actual healing. It is not a set of religious procedures or principles that does it.

Poisoned waters can only be healed in a reality that is all encompassing. Only GOD is capable of coming alive in us in a reality that is all encompassing. This is the **“I AM”** reality of CHRIST JESUS in our heart.

YAHWEH-NISSI: Our Banner

This is also a reality opened in Scripture in the time of Moses. Exodus 17:8-16 records the revelation: **“Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of GOD in my hand.”**

And Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

But Moses’ hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported

his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.

So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a Memorial, and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

And Moses built an altar, and named it The LORD Is My Banner (YAHWEH-Nissi); and he said, "The LORD has sworn; the LORD will war against Amalek from generation to generation.""

An Enemy Has To Be Overcome And His Strongholds Destroyed

Here GOD brings us face to face with the fact that we are a people at war with an unseen enemy whose works are evident but, whose reality and mode of operations is often unrecognized in human situations and circumstances.

Amalek represents satan. Satan is represented in the Word Of GOD as a *serpent* and as a *dragon*. Two vivid expressions of evil and death. The snake is a silent killer who kills by poisoning the processes of our soul in terms of our thinking and our desires, while, the dragon consumes in flames of fire through destructive events in our lives or by events that overwhelm us so that our hope is extinguished.

The LORD JESUS (in John 10:10) depicts the work of satan as follows: **“The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy.”** The evidence of satan’s work is loss, death and destruction.

If this is the evidence of your life then understand that satan is destroying you. The evidence is there to see in personal terms, in national terms and in global terms. We see it on our TV screens and we read the reports in our newspapers - everyday.

The casualties of this war run into many hundreds of millions of human beings.

The “I AM” Testimony Of JESUS Defeats Satan

How we live by the **“I AM”** of JESUS produces a testimony. In the second half of John 10:10, the LORD JESUS declares HIS work as follows: **“I came that they (us/we) might have life, and might have it abundantly.”** Notice that the emphasis is on **“I”**.

A testimony is a testimony when evil is defeated in our lives. Evil is only defeated in the reality of the cross, through the Testimony Of JESUS unveiled in our lives.

In this Covenant Name, YAHWEH-Nissi, GOD is declaring that it is the reality of HIM as **“I AM”** in our lives that is the banner of our victory.

The LORD JESUS won a victory for us; we are required to produce a testimony that proclaims the perfected reality of that victory.

In every victory that we *each* proclaim, the strongholds of satan are actually *being* weakened. Remember, this only comes when JESUS Name is upheld in the reality of our hearts and our minds and expressed in our lives.

Victory Produces Authority

In this process we are strengthened in HIM. And, the reality of “**I AM**” puts on the actuality of becoming our fortress.

In this reality there is also established a realm of authority that can be expressed in prayer over the lives of others and over situations and circumstances in the reality of “**I AM**”. Prayer must express the Testimony Of JESUS; not, selfish motives and hidden agendas.

This is crucial because prayer that manifests selfish motives and hidden agendas, manifests a spiritual reality that denies the love of GOD. This can potentially become spiritual witchcraft. This is why the Banner must always be “**I AM**” not our expressions of our “i am”.

Our testimony is important because it expresses light in truth in spiritual terms. When GOD created man HE gave man the authority to live by his choices, in the reality of drawing from GOD his every need and every desire.

When man used that free will authority to choose other pathways, he gave authority to satan, the father of lies, to reign in his situations and circumstances.

In JESUS, the LORD GOD established a realm of free choice for man that is empowered by all that JESUS overcame through the cross.

The power to bring forth this reality, is in the “**I AM**” of the Name Of JESUS. Our testimonies of JESUS in our lives enforce this reality in the heavenly places. When this happens satans authority over us is broken as individuals and as a community of believers, wherever we are located.

An Oath That Must Be Enforced By Testimony

In the passage from Exodus we see that GOD has sworn an Oath to war against Amalek in all generations. Why? The reality of salvation has to be testified to in order to defeat satan in the spiritual realm of the heavenly places that stand over the earth. GOD has chosen a people to enforce that reality in the heavenly places.

What we enforce by faith, is a reality established by CHRIST JESUS - in HIS “**I AM**” PERSON - for us.

When the Banner Of “**I AM**” is unfolded - in our free will - the strongholds of the enemy are annihilated. Therefore, the destiny of mankind is dependent on our collective choices.

GOD made us free will creatures.

Unless what HE has given us is unfolded as a conviction of a reality that is proven as being true, in each one of our lives, the wickedness of satan will continue to overwhelm the human race.

When we uphold the Word Of GOD in the “**I AM**” of JESUS Name the victory will always be ours. **The victory is enforced in terms of all that we do in *word* and *deed* by HIM.**

This reality of word and deed, is a reality of expression that exists for us as individuals, as well as in the collective of being one Body. Every Christian can participate in the unfolding of this composite testimony of the “**I AM**” of JESUS that we live by (in word and deed).

The Certainty Of Total Victory

The Book Of Revelation (12:7-9) reveals a timing in prophetic terms when satan will be ***thrown*** out of the heavenly places that stand over the earth: **“And there was war in heaven, Micheal and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.**

And the great dragon was thrown down, and the serpent of old who is called the devil and satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

There is coming upon us and within us an actuality of YAHWEH-Nissi that will unveil a collective testimony that will enable satan to be thrown down from the heavenly places that stand over mankind. This testimony will be the unveiling of the Bride Of The LAMB!

When the Bridegroom comes for HIS Bride, satan will have been thrown down because of the testimony of the Bride of the LAMB (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; Daniel 12:11-12).

YAHWEH-M'KADDESH: Our Sanctifier

This is also a reality opened in Scripture in the time of Moses. Exodus 31:12-13,16 records the revelation: **“And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, “You shall surely observe MY Sabbaths; for this is a sign between ME and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I AM The LORD WHO Sanctifies You (YAHWEH-M’Kaddesh).**

... So the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generation as a perpetual Covenant. It is a sign between ME and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but in the seventh day HE ceased from labor, and was refreshed.””

A Sanctified Rest

The Sabbath is the reality of a rest in GOD - a Covenant of being, at rest in GOD. A state of being that is a temple of GOD (see 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Chronicles 7:16). In the Old Testament the Sabbath was foreshadowed as a day but, in the New Testament the revelation rises into a fulfilled reality of an actual growing, perpetual rest in GOD (see Hebrews 4:9-11).

This perpetual rest is a continually unfolding Covenant reality. In this Covenant reality we are *sanctified*; that is, we are *transformed so as to come to belong* to GOD - in our own free will. We are sanctified by the “**I AM**” of GOD into this reality.

As the realities of “**I AM**” unfold in our *heart*, we are sanctified by each facet of the realities unfolded, to *want to belong* to HIM and, to also want to *live by* HIM. These realities of belonging to GOD, ultimately, become a lifestyle defined in the enabling power and nature of the “**I AM**” of GOD.

When we are able to live by GOD in any sense, we have unfolded a new dimension to our Sabbath rest. When the “**I AM**” of GOD unveils, we learn to rest in HIM and to live by HIM instead of by ourselves.

Sanctification Is GOD's Miracle

GOD is the ONE WHO sanctifies us so that we can come to live by HIM in order to express HIS perfect purposes. HE changes us and sets us apart through the revelation of HIS “**I AM**”. When we begin to see and receive GOD in the “**I AM**” of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, we are sanctified, and in fact transformed, by the reality of all that we see of HIM.

GOD sanctifies us through the “**I AM**” revelation of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. We do not grow through principles learned. We grow through the “**I AM**” of JESUS made alive in our hearts, so that the principles we learn find actual meaning and expression *in* HIM and *by* HIM and *through* HIM.

It is the “**I AM**” of JESUS that is life. The purpose of the Sabbath is to learn to live by resting in GOD, revealed in the “**I AM**” of JESUS our LORD, WHO called HIMSELF the LORD of the Sabbath (see Luke 6:5). This Sabbath rest unfolds in HIS LORDship realized in our heart.

When we rest in HIS “**I AM**”, the life of JESUS (and all that HIS Life carries *in HIS merits*) finds expression in us in the enabled terms of HIS Spirit that clothes our inward parts.

YAHWEH-SHALOM: Our Peace

This is a reality opened in Scripture to a warrior called Gideon. Judges 6:11-16,24 records the revelation: “**Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.”**

Then Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all HIS miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, “Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?” But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

And the LORD looked at him and said, “Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?”

And he said to HIM, “O LORD, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s house.”

But the LORD said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as *one man*.”

... Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD Is Peace (YAHWEH-Shalom). ”

A Covenant Of Peace

This is the reality of GOD that establishes and fulfills HIS purposes through a *faith* reality realized in a Covenant Of Peace within us. The New Testament speaks of a peace that passeth all understanding (see Philippians 4:7).

This inward state of peace is an Oath of peace that unfolds in our inward parts (see Hebrews 5:13-14). This is a spiritual reality that permeates our inward parts. In this peace GOD assures us in HIS “**I AM**” actuality.

In the faith reality of this peace within us, GOD unfolds purposes far beyond the level of our understanding. This is the testimony of one who has learned to overcome the forces of evil and darkness, and grow and function in the peaceful reality of the “**I AM**” of GOD.

[YAHWEH-Shalom is the testimony of the Bride - as one Body or, “one Man” - that will defeat satan, as noted above, in GOD’s declaration to Gideon.]

GOD has purposes for our lives, far in excess of our capabilities, oftentimes in the face of insurmountable obstacles. GOD commands Gideon to do something impossible. HE simply tells Gideon to move forward in the reality that HE is with him.

In order to assure us that HE is with us, in the unfolding of the impossibles to be unveiled in our lives, GOD manifests the reality of HIS **“I AM”** reality as a Covenant Of Peace within us.

The Covenant Of Peace is the witness to the reality of the faith of GOD made alive in us, to accomplish what we would not be able to in our own faith.

The LORD JESUS unfolds this **“I AM”** reality on the day before HE goes to the cross so that we will understand that there is a peace that comes exclusively from HIM, that reconciles us to GOD and to the purposes that GOD means to unfold through our lives.

The LORD JESUS describes this in the following terms: **“Peace I leave with you; MY peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. *Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*”**

A Realm Of Faith That Is Beyond Understanding

GOD’s training program involves a faith formation to bring forth purposes beyond our understanding, in the reality of belonging to HIM and HIS purposes.

Because GOD does what we cannot do in ourselves, HE assures us in the reality of what HE is doing, with a Covenant Of Peace evident in our heart. In this way we discover WHO HE is and we discover how HE works and how HE intends to work with us.

Knowing GOD and accomplishing purposes in the unveiled greatness of GOD are realities that GOD wants to establish into our heart. This is the Covenant Of Peace in “**I AM**”, formed into our heart and the mind of our imaginations, that establishes *“our capabilities” in and through GOD.*

Skills That Unfold A New Lifestyle

This is a realm of skills in the “**I AM**” of GOD that will be built into us throughout eternity! These are skills in functioning in, and by, GOD HIMSELF!

A person who learns how to read by himself and, a person who learns how to read through the enabling power of GOD will have two realities that are entirely different (mutually exclusive realities). The act of reading looks the same but, the basis of reading is totally different.

In the longer run the processes of learning for one will be limited by his physical and mental abilities while, the other will continuously grow, learning in a creative, limitless reality that is entirely of the “**I AM**” of GOD.

Walking in GOD may be a slow way to learn because everything has to be learned from scratch in HIS Way; but, in 10 years,

GOD will have completed a reality into you and me that no human institution can even begin to duplicate!

This is a training program unveiled in the Eternal University Of The HOLY SPIRIT (see Heb 13:20-21; John 16:13-15; 1 Cor 2:7-16; James 1:17-18). This is a school that opens the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST - the treasures of our FATHER (see Eph 3:16-20) - into our very state of being through a Covenant of peace.

This is not a school of principles, but rather, it is a school of the realities of GOD unveiled into a heart of flesh that radiates our soul and our mind with HIS **“I AM”** Light! AMEN!

Coming To Live By GOD

The Teacher is GOD the HOLY SPIRIT! But, this is teaching ordained by GOD the FATHER. For Scripture declares that we are all to be taught by GOD our FATHER (see John 6:45).

The expression of every lesson learned is of the very “substance” of GOD The WORD (see John 6:63) - of HIS Spirit and HIS Life expressed in the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the WORD HIMSELF, in WHOM all Scripture finds the reality of fulfillment (see Luke 24:44).

This is why as Christians we are baptised (meaning “immersed”) in the Name Of The FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Because this is the reality in which we will be brought forth and expressed as sons of the living GOD!

In being immersed in the abundant waters of the Voice of HIS **“I AM”** Word we have peace even when we die (see Ezekiel 43:2; 1:24; Revelation 1:15)!

The prophet Isaiah (54:10) proclaims astonishing potentials available in a Covenant Of Peace: **““For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but MY lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and MY Covenant Of Peace will not be shaken,” says the LORD WHO has compassion on you.”**

YAHWEH-TSIDKENU: Our Righteousness

This is a reality opened in Scripture to us through the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah 23:5-6 records the revelation: **““Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; ... and this is *HIS Name* by which HE will be called, The LORD Our Righteousness (YAHWEH-Tsidkenu).”**

The Divinity Of CHRIST

This passage, written some 580 years before the birth of the LORD JESUS - clearly and precisely - points to the ***divinity*** of the MESSIAH.

This passage expresses the righteousness of the **“I AM”** of GOD that will be unfolded in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Notice

that HE (the MESSIAH, the LORD JESUS CHRIST) will be called **“I AM WHO I AM Our Righteousness”**.

In the reality of **“I AM”** revealed in the LORD JESUS CHRIST we are transformed to become a living expression of HIS righteousness.

We Become The Righteousness Of GOD In CHRIST JESUS

This is the intent of our salvation, to bring us forth as an expression of the righteousness of our GOD. This process of transformation attained, *establishes* and *fulfills* our position, as an expression of the righteousness of GOD. This is salvation fulfilled.

In this fulfillment, the goodness of **“I AM”** is proven. HIS **“I AM”** Way is seen to be the only true reality of life and living. In this reality, the Gospel Of JESUS is proven to be perfect and complete.

In 2 Corinthians 5:21 it is written: **“HE made HIM (the LORD JESUS) WHO knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of GOD in HIM (the LORD JESUS CHRIST).”**

The Fullness Of HIS “I AM” Transforms Us

This reality in **“I AM”** shows the awesome power and nature of our salvation through the realization of the **“I AM”** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST expressed to us in the Testimony Of JESUS, communicated by ***“the righteousness of GOD which is***

by faith of JESUS CHRIST unto all and upon all them that believe" (as noted in Roman 3:22, KJV).

We need to catch this very clearly in our hearts. *It is the righteousness of our GOD expressed in CHRIST JESUS that changes us* - not religious sounding or religious looking practices.

It is the **"I AM"** Fullness of the LORD JESUS CHRIST that is grace and truth realized through HIS faith Testament towards us. John 1:16-17, puts it this way: **"For of HIS Fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through JESUS CHRIST."**

Truth sets us free and grace strengthens us though faith (see Ephesians 2:8,7-8). But, this is grace and truth realized in JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF through HIS faith for us and, not in some religious sounding substitute.

As Galatians 2:20 (KJV) tells us: **"... And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the SON Of GOD, WHO loved me, and gave HIMSELF for me."**

Using The Heart To Receive

Notice the use of the word "were" in John 1:17 quoted above. This means that this reality of HIS Fullness has already been given, we only have to takehold of it; and, everything that GOD has ordained for fulfillment in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, will be given as each facet of revelation is realized in our heart!

This is the key to supernatural growth - takehold of exactly what the FATHER has given - don't add to it and don't subtract from it. This is the reality of true life *realized*.

This is why we have a heart. To realize the **"I AM"** of GOD. This is why the LORD JESUS proclaimed the exclusive reality that declared: **"I AM The Bread Of Life"**. This is a reality that must be realized through our heart.

A Creative Reality Of "Good Works"

This is a fully *creative* expression. Ephesians 2:10 puts it this way: **"For we are HIS workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."**

Understand that the term "good works" applies to the righteousness of GOD expressed through us. This is the reality that *true faith - realized from the righteousness of GOD, which is by faith of JESUS CHRIST* - has the purpose of fulfilling.

It is all that we receive of the LORD JESUS and express of HIM that *transforms* us. The Greek word for transform is "metamorphoo" which emphasises a change of form. This is supernatural growth and transformation in and by the power of GOD. This is a creative work unfolded by GOD in CHRIST JESUS. AMEN!

Seeing The Righteousness Of Our FATHER

It is this creative, loving intent of the FATHER's Heart, expressed in the Blood Of The LAMB, that covers our sins. This covering exists because this intent of the FATHER's Heart will be perfectly fulfilled as the LORD JESUS comes alive in our hearts.

This entire process expresses the Righteousness Of GOD. There is no compromise of truth but, there is instead a manifestation of grace that enables the righteousness of GOD to find expression in every part of our transformed state of being by the faith of JESUS CHRIST realized in our inward parts. AMEN!

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 expresses this with particular clarity: **“For GOD WHO said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the ONE WHO has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD in the face of CHRIST JESUS. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, *that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of GOD and not from ourselves.*”**

We Are Called To Be The Righteous Expression Of GOD

That GOD would establish us in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, as an expression of HIS Righteousness fulfilled, is an awesome reality. No wonder, the reality of JESUS unveiled to us is called Wonderful.

Righteousness is an attribute of GOD. For this to be expressed through the lives of individuals like you and me is actually inconceivable.

But this is the reality in which we are to be expressed in CHRIST JESUS. The handiwork of GOD's creative work that reflects HIS Righteousness unveiled in CHRIST JESUS. AMEN!

The simplest and clearest idea of this expression would be that we would be a people who are able to do *all* things in the "I AM" of JESUS Name (see John 14:12-14; 15:7-8). The fulfillment will be unveiled in our inward witness bearing testimony to the fact that we have done something by GOD alone.

YAHWEH-SHAMMAH: HE Is There

This is a reality opened in Scripture to us through the prophet Ezekiel. This is the reality that "I AM" is always there, revealed in the context of a city of GOD described in prophetic terms by the prophet Ezekiel (48:35): **"And the name of the city from that day shall be "The LORD Is There (YAHWEH-Shammah)."**"

The Presence Of "I AM"

Given the righteousness of YAHWEH ("I AM"), an entire people will be established, in whose midst the LORD will be actually present.

An entire people who would be able to live by the "I AM" of GOD, being alive in them (as a living temple) and amongst

them (as a collective dwelling brought forth in and by the SPIRIT OF GOD in the spiritual reality of “**I AM**”).

So the Righteousness Of GOD’s purpose will be established in an entire city whose testimony will be a radiance of GOD expressed in them and amongst them.

This is the highest level of salvation grace established in the Mount Of The LORD (see Ezekiel 43:1-7,12) where we are able to live in and by GOD HIMSELF, in the realized actuality of GOD’s provision (see Genesis 22:14; Psalm 24:3-4; 15:1-2).

We Can Only See From The Cross

GOD intends to bless us with HIS very best - HIS “**I AM**” expression. This “**I AM**” expression begins from a cross. It cannot *begin* from anywhere else because we would not be able to understand “**I AM**” from any where else.

We need to remember “**I AM WHO I AM**” as HE expressed HIMSELF naked, and abused by our sins, on a cross. Because this is where we see HIS Heart unveiled. This is where life begins.

It is therefore no wonder that the Word Of GOD proclaims that the LAMB was slain from the foundation of the world (see Revelation 13:8, KJV/NKJV). This reality radiates the intents and purposes of the FATHER’s Heart for each one of us in unique terms. For we are each fearfully and wonderfully made in this reality.

Remember “I AM WHO I AM”

Remember HIM and, we will see salvation unveiled in growing eternal terms - as **the Memorial-Name of “I AM WHO I AM”** unveils in our heart, soul and mind through the Testimony Of JESUS. Replace HIM or, marginalize HIM or, forget HIM and we will begin to die because, only “I AM” is **“The Bread Of Life!” AMEN!**

GOD IS ONE

We have introduced the witnessed realities of “**I AM**” in which our salvation is unveiled. What we have taken a glimpse at, is an awesome reality that is entirely meant *for fulfillment* in us and amongst us and through us, in growing measures of HIS “**I AM**” Fullness in all eternity (see John 1:16-17; Ephesians 3:19). But, what is the essential Witness and reality of GOD?

Deuteronomy 6:4 declares the *essential* Witness (and reality) of GOD: “**Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our GOD, the LORD IS ONE!**”

This verse proclaims that YAHWEH is our GOD and that we need to continually hear and receive the living Witness (see 1 John 5:7, NKJV) of the LORD our GOD BEING ONE.

[Our baptism draws its prophetic significance from this proclamation made by Moses. This is why we are immersed in baptism. We are immersed into the eternal waters of the Voice

or, Witness Of God (see Ezekiel 43:2), in the **“I AM”** Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT (see Matthew 28:19).]

In this Witness and reality of BEING ONE, GOD unveils HIS PERSON and HIS Nature that saves us by transforming us in the reality of **WHO** HE IS and all **THAT** HE IS (see Psalm 54:1; 138:2c, NASB).

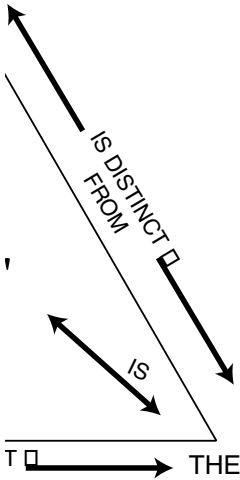
The reality of YAHWEH as GOD and, YAHWEH BEING ONE becomes a conviction and an evidence that HE IS, within us, when we hear and receive the realities and actualities of the **“I AM”** Witness of GOD (see 1 John 5:7-8, NKJV).

The revealed reality of **“I AM”** as GOD and, BEING ONE, unveils WHO GOD IS and, unveils the Nature of GOD in BEING ONE, that in turn, in its unveiling, fashions all that we do in word and deed. How is this so?

The term “ONE” is not the number “1” rather, it is the **“I AM”** Witness of BEING ONE and, the **“I AM”** Witness of BEING, THAT IS ONE. Always ONE!

In BEING ONE, GOD is describing that HE IS ONE in WHO HE IS and in all THAT HE IS. In HIS **“I AM”** Witness of BEING, THAT IS ONE, GOD does all things in a unity of BEING ONE.

GOD IS ONE. And, there is only one GOD simply because it would be absurd to have more than one GOD. For example, it would be absurd to have three Omnipotent or, “all-powerful”



“GOD’s”! Because the reality of Omnipotence is by definition all encompassing and supremely exclusive. And, this is why it would be impossible to have anything but one GOD.

The New Testament clearly declares that GOD BEING ONE is expressed in the Witness and reality of the FATHER, the SON (the WORD) and the HOLY SPIRIT, BEING ONE. The Omnipotence of GOD is thus entirely described in a unity of BEING, THAT is nonetheless expressed uniquely - in its entirety - in the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. How is this so?

The actuality of the FATHER, the SON (the WORD) and the HOLY SPIRIT is “**I AM**” expressed. We can simplistically see and explain the mystery of “**I AM**” as a PERSONified Witness that is symbolized as a “triangle” of three actualities of BEING,

in the PERSONS of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. The “triangle” is a figurative expression of the TRIUNE Witness - always - being in an “**I AM**” unity.

GOD IS ONE in HIS “**I AM**” status expressed in the witnessed actualities of the FATHER, the SON and, the HOLY SPIRIT. Each witnessed actuality of “**I AM**” is referred to as PERSON. But, each witnessed actuality always involves a TRIUNE Witness! How is this so?

The actuality of “**I AM**” is ordained in the Witness of the FATHER, described in the Witness of the WORD and, expressed in the Witness of the HOLY SPIRIT. Remove any aspect of the Witness and the Witness would cease to exist. For example, if there was no WORD, the Witness cannot exist because it is no longer describable.

The “triangle” is not a physical expression and, neither is it physically dimensioned as seen in mathematics but, is a simplistic expression of the infinite “**I AM**” actuality of GOD that is attributely “dimensioned” in infinitude. And simply witnessed as “**I AM**” expressed in a TRIUNE “**I AM**” communion, in the PERSONified actualities (or, PERSONS) of the FATHER, the SON (the WORD) and, the HOLY SPIRIT as revealed in Scripture.

This TRIUNE expression of “**I AM**” IS ONE. GOD expresses HIS “**I AM**” PERSONified distinctively in the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. And yet, in each PERSON, GOD is fully expressed.

Because always, this actuality of “**I AM**” IS ONE. Ordained by the FATHER, described by the WORD and expressed by the HOLY SPIRIT in each of the distinct actualities of the FATHER, the WORD or, the HOLY SPIRIT.

Each actuality is a unique PERSONified Witness THAT IS nonetheless always ONE involving a reality of a TRIUNE WITNESS that is *ordained* in the FATHER, *described* in the WORD and *expressed* by the HOLY SPIRIT as “**I AM**” the FATHER, the WORD and, the HOLY SPIRIT.

It is in this actuality of “**I AM**” PERSONified distinctly and yet expressed unitedly in a TRIUNE “**I AM**” “composite” that, we see the TRINITY unveiled as ONE and, as BEING ONE always, at all times.

“**I AM**” IS GOD in the living expression of WHO HE IS and, in the living expression of all THAT HE IS, in the unique actuality of the FATHER, the WORD and, the HOLY SPIRIT!

And there is only one GOD WHO IS “**I AM**”.

In the FATHER, we see the “**I AM**” all-sufficient, supremacy of GOD WHO overshadows the creation as Owner Creator, in HIS Authority.

In the SON, we see the WORD WHO describes the “**I AM**” of GOD and expresses the “**I AM**” of GOD as Word into all that governs and fashions the creation in all eternity.

In the HOLY SPIRIT, we see the manifestation of GOD in HIS **“I AM”** reality and actuality, unveiling the Word in Spirit and Life terms that will give expression to all creation in growing, perfect and complete actualities fulfilled that, are entirely a reflection of **“I AM”** as GOD.

Each of the **“I AM”** expressions of GOD [**“I AM THAT I AM”**] are PERSONified [**“I AM WHO I AM”**] distinctly in the FATHER, the SON and, the HOLY SPIRIT. Yet none of these distinct **“I AM”** expressions can be separate from each other. That is, there can be no **“I AM”** actuality of the FATHER separate from the SON or the HOLY SPIRIT.

It would be impossible to make such a separation because the actuality of the FATHER is communicated by the WORD (WHO describes) and the HOLY SPIRIT (WHO expresses)! So, for example, when the FATHER declares (in Matthew 3:17): **“This is MY BELOVED SON, in WHOM I AM well-pleased.”** The communication is of the WORD, expressed by the HOLY SPIRIT. But, the Authority and PERSONIFICATION is entirely the FATHER!

The actuality of the WORD would always be ordained of the FATHER and expressed by the HOLY SPIRIT in the realities of Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding etc.

The actuality of the HOLY SPIRIT will always “proceed” from the FATHER and the WORD. The HOLY SPIRIT always expresses that which is ordained of the FATHER and described by the WORD.

We can “explain” this simplistically. Remove one “expressive” form or side of the “triangle” and the “triangle” would cease to exist! This is why Colossians 2:9 (KJV) explains the LORD JESUS CHRIST in the following terms: **“For in HIM dwelleth all the fullness of the GODHEAD bodily.”** So when we see the cross, we are seeing the fullness of the GODHEAD bodily expressed.

We are baptised (or, immersed) into CHRIST (see Galatians 3:27) in the **“I AM”** Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Where CHRIST explains the anointed state in which we are *enabled* (in CHRIST and by CHRIST) to discover the reality of living in and by the **“I AM”** of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Where living in and by the **“I AM”** of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT is the fulfillment of our baptism.

In this **“I AM”** unity is the Rhema Witness to a reality in which there is absolute agreement (see 1 John 5:7, NKJV) that will manifest the Beginning of the creation (see Revelation 3:14b) in CHRIST JESUS, WHO is the fullness of the GODHEAD bodily (see 1 John 5:8,6).

In Revelation 3:14b, the **“I AM”** actuality of GOD unveiled in CHRIST JESUS is described as AMEN, according to the Witness unveiled into the creation (see 1 John 5:6, NKJV).

This reality of the Witness being One (see 1 John 5:8, NKJV) will fashion the creation of GOD in the nature of this **“I AM”** union of the FATHER, the SON and, the HOLY SPIRIT unveiled in CHRIST JESUS into us.

BEING ONE has an “I AM” PERSONAGE, BEING ONE has a Nature and, BEING ONE has a Witness that manifests that “I AM” PERSONAGE and Nature, that will in turn enable a creation that reflects this Nature according to the status of the “I AM” PERSONAGE unveiled (see John 17:6,26; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:17-21) through the knowledge of WHO HE IS (see Proverbs 9:10) explained in CHRIST JESUS.

The Fulfilled Reality Of Being Immersed And Being Clothed

By being baptized into CHRIST, we are clothed with CHRIST so as to put on CHRIST (see Gal 3:27, NASB/NKJV) in the “I AM” reality of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. That is, the Spirit Of CHRIST that clothes us, is an enabling that always functions exclusively by the realities of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. In this reality is the power that works within us (see Ephesians 3:20,16-21).

In the words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them *in* the Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT.”**

Why are we baptised *into* CHRIST? Why are we baptised *in* the Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT? What is the meaning of this baptism? What are the fulfilled implications of this baptism?

CHRIST represents the PERSONIFIED enabling reality - the anointed state - in which we are clothed in our salvation. This

represents the realization of an anointed state of being uniquely described in HIS Image (see Romans 8:29), from HIS Fullness realized (see John 1:16-17).

This enabled, anointed state of being is in turn meant to *bring forth an actualized, growing expression* of being alive in and by the FATHER, the SON (the WORD) and the HOLY SPIRIT.

The unity of the FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT fashions us in the Nature of our salvation that makes us one as we each realize the Witness to this Unity in GOD supernaturally - through the Spirit and Life of the LORD JESUS CHRIST (see John 6:63; Luke 24:44; Colossians 2:9 ***KJV***).

In fact it is the realization [which is the meaning of “**Hear O Israel**” in Deuteronomy 6:4] of the growing reality of the “**LORD is our GOD. The LORD IS ONE**” that expresses the many facets of our salvation and, our state of being that results from this salvation unveiled (see Ephesians 3:19,16-21).

The “**I AM**” PERSONAGE and Nature that expresses the unity of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT is what fashions us in the image of GOD and, saves us - forever.

The Glory That Expresses Our Fulfilled State Of Being

We are speaking of an enabled reality - an anointed state of being - that fulfills our salvation and expresses our state of being as one Body in the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT, as a growing unity in all eternity. It is both a state of being and a

functional state unveiled in one Body of HIS Flesh (see Ephesians 5:30, KJV/NKJV; John 6:51).

As the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT function in an absolutely perfect unity; even so, will we learn to function in a unity that will enable our functioning to grow in a perfection that will be completed according to the unity realized from the “**I AM**” Witness of GOD. This unity is described as an agreement in 1 John 5:8, NKJV; which is to be understood in the context of 1 John 5:7, NKJV opened in us and amongst us (see also 2 Chronicles 7:16; Hebrews 3:6).

That is, we live and grow by the Witness of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT BEING ONE. In the witness realized in growing fulfillment, our state of being will be a glorious state of being that expresses the reality of being one Body in the Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT.

The *glory* is the *expressed* reality of loving the LORD our GOD - the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT - with all of our heart, all of our soul, all of our mind and, with all of our strength. [And the realization is expressed in the unity of loving each other as one Body. The realization is HIS Flesh manifested in our heart (see John 1:16-17; Ezekiel 36:26; John 6:51).]

Understanding Where Salvation Manifests From

In this eternal reality of the “**I AM**” of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT, are we immersed and, in this immersion

is our salvation realized in growing measures of the Fullness Of GOD (see Ephesians 3:19). The Greek word for baptise is “baptizo” which means to immerse.

The LORD JESUS came to establish this reality in which the sons of GOD will be unveiled before the eyes of all creation, from this reality of being immersed into CHRIST (into HIS Spirit), so as to increasingly express the **“I AM”** Name of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT by the fullness of CHRIST JESUS realized (see John 1:16-17; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:19-21).

So the reality that YAHWEH IS ONE is the very essence of our life in terms of the fullness of the life that we are able to realize and to live in enabled Spirit terms.

The Nature and **“I AM”** expression of GOD THAT “makes” GOD ONE, is what saves us and establishes us as one Body Of CHRIST, in a state of being in unity and, in a functional reality of being able to function as one in the fullness of GOD attained to in one Body (see Ephesians 3:19-21).

In the reality of BEING ONE, GOD Is Love. The actuality of BEING ONE defines the substantive value of love that will fashion the created universe. Love has no concept without actual expression. GOD is love expresses the reality of the three PERSONS of the GODHEAD BEING ONE, in a union of love defined entirely by the HOLY state of BEING ONE.

It is this love testified, that becomes our salvation realized, in holiness unto GOD. It is in this love realized in ourselves, that

GOD defines HIS Law into us and, the reality of HIS salvation for us. So that, we will be able to live forever in a nature that will guarantee our freedom from the bondage of sin and death.

Salvation results from the reality that GOD IS ONE because, salvation is an expression of HIS love unveiled, as a realized expression holy unto HIM.

Ultimately, all creation is meant to live in the reality that GOD IS ONE.

The Law And The Prophets Fulfilled

The Testimony of BEING ONE in love defines HIS Law and, the reality that expresses the blessed state of our lives - as a unity of one Body, fulfilled in HIS love realized (see John 17:22-26) defines the creation perfected and completed (see Ephesians 1:22-23).

This reality of being one Body is the essential reality that is called “the prophets fulfilled” because such a state defines the reality in which GOD can freely bless us, knowing, that every blessing will bear fruit in a growing continuum that is untainted by sin and alive in HIS love realized and expressed, in holiness unto HIM.

In the reality of BEING ONE, GOD has designed a salvation in which one Body (Of CHRIST that realizes its state of being as one Body in CHRIST) will come forth as a living testimony of “**I AM**” unveiled.

It is in this reality of being one, in and by **"I AM"** unveiled in our inward parts (in fully subordinate terms), that all of our anointings (or skills bestowed in being clothed with CHRIST) will be expressed as ***HIS workmanship***, into all creation (see Ephesians 2:10; 1:22-23; 3:16-21).

HE has designed this one Body to be HIS dwelling place from which the realities of HIS Name will be revealed to all creation as an unveiling of HIS great love and HIS All-Sufficient and enabling power. This unveiling is to be in a growing state of being, holy unto YAHWEH.

The Memorial-Name Realized And Expressed

We have an important task, to realize the reality of being immersed in the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT, and to express this reality as HIS Memorial-Name unveiled from our lives, so that, all nations will live (and function) in this light. You can catch this vision with the eyes of your heart.

The book of Revelation (21:3,9-11,22-24) expresses this visionary reality in the following terms: **"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the Tabernacle ("Tabernacle" meaning "Dwelling Place") Of GOD is among men, and HE shall dwell among them, and they shall be HIS people, and GOD HIMSELF shall be among them."**

... And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you the Bride, the Wife of the LAMB."

And he carried me away in the SPIRIT to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from GOD, having the glory of GOD, Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

... And I saw no temple in it, for the LORD GOD, the ALMIGHTY, and the LAMB, are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of GOD has illumined it, and its Lamp is the LAMB.

And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it."

An awesome reality is being expressed. But this reality arises from the "Glory Of GOD" expressed from HIS Tabernacle. We are HIS Tabernacle Of Glory in the fulfilled reality of being one Body. That reality of being one, is established - exclusively - in the realized revelation of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT.

The FATHER

The FATHER is the "I AM" PERSON WHOM we are destined to come to Hallow. "**Hallowed be THY Name**" is the essential reality that testifies to our salvation, in terms of the state of our being.

"Hallowed" is the result of the actual realization of the "I AM" of YAHWEH. "Hallowed" is the expression of HIS Glory that we have come to actually see. "Hallowed" is the testimonial

expression of all that we see of “**I AM**”. It is the testimonial reality in which we see **our** FATHER.

Not in selfish self-centered terms but, in terms of an *equality* (amongst ourselves) of being one Body because of HIM. Because of HIS great love invested into each one of our lives - in unique expressions of HIS Beauty and Excellence.

Man talks of freedom and equality. These are realities realized and expressed only when our states of being become an expression that actually hallows the FATHER's Name.

The Name Of GOD, expresses the all-encompassing reality (past, present and future) of GOD's Heart. The FATHERhood of GOD is HIS Heart expressed into the lives of HIS children.

Each one, *fearfully* and *wonderfully* made as an enabled expression in the Spirit Of Holiness - the expression of HIS HOLY PERSON.

The reality of the fear of the LORD comes from the realization of being fearfully made by GOD, as an expression of HIS holy love. The reality of being wonderfully made comes alive into us, as the treasure of the Name Of JESUS is unveiled and realized in our heart as being Wonderful (see Isaiah 9:6).

The FATHER has expressed HIS love for us in the **same** reality of HIS love for the SON. This love realized, transforms us and sets us free from every form of darkness (see John 15:9-11; 17:22-26).

The realization of this FATHER's love in the SON, is brought alive into our lives through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT - the PERSON of GOD WHO actually works with us in an eternal continuum called life.

The SON

The SON, is the WORD Of GOD, WHO expresses our very state of being in salvation. The SON explains the FATHER (see John 1:18,16-18) and in this "explanation", the Word Of GOD becomes our testimonial state of being fashioned in a living Logos Word Construct.

We each become GOD's unique creation of a son, who is an expression of HIS WORD Testified.

The SON is the WORD, WHO enables the Word Of GOD to be expressed and fulfilled in us and through us in all eternity. HE comes to us as the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The glory of GOD's blessings fulfilled come through HIM. In this reality HE is called the Bright Morning Star (see Revelation 22:16). In this reality HE expresses our states of being in salvation as Morning Stars (see 2 Peter 1:16-19).

When GOD blessed father Abraham, HE also told him that his descendants, the people who would receive the promises through CHRIST the seed, would shine like the stars of the heavens (see Genesis 15:5-6).

The Bright Morning Star expresses the prophetic fulfillment of the radiance of our hearts alive in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN! In this reality we are Morning Stars.

This is the expressed reality of the true and faithful Witness that brings forth the eternal Beginning of the creation of GOD (see Revelation 3:14)!

The HOLY SPIRIT

The HOLY SPIRIT is the PERSON WHO expresses the realities of GOD. Every conceivable reality of GOD is expressed by the HOLY SPIRIT. Without HIM we will never see GOD or, know GOD.

The HOLY SPIRIT actually makes things happen. HE is the ONE WHO actually fashions us. HE is the ONE WHO works with us, WHO works in us and, WHO works through us. HE is GOD experienced. Every reality of GOD comes by HIM.

HE is called the SPIRIT Of Grace because every actual expression of grace experienced comes through HIS ministry.

HE is called the SPIRIT Of Truth because every reality of Truth comes through HIS ministry.

HE is called the SPIRIT Of Life because every expression of Life comes through HIS ministry.

HE expresses the seven Spirits Of GOD given to us in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The HOLY SPIRIT is the ONE WHO walks alongside of us. We are meant to discover the reality of doing all things in partnership with HIM - in JESUS Name.

HE is the Teacher WHO teaches us. HE is the Comforter WHO comforts and restores us. HE is the Advocate WHO articulates our realities in YAHWEH. HE is the Strengthenener WHO strengthens us so that we will come to become overcomers in CHRIST. HE is the Intercessor WHO prays the FATHER's will into us and through us. HE is the Standby WHO is always there when everyone else has left you and me high and dry.

HE is the ONE WHO remains with us forever. HE is the ONE WHO shares the deepest intimacies of GOD with you and me.

It is fascinating that the Law Of GOD is called the Law Of The SPIRIT Of Life, In CHRIST JESUS (see Romans 8:2)! This is the Law Of Liberty (see James 1:25) that sets us free from the law of sin and death.

The law of sin and death is something like the law of gravity. It says sin, and you will die. But, in CHRIST JESUS, in partnership with the HOLY SPIRIT, we will live forever to the FATHER's glory.

WHO Is GOD?

Without the reality of the FATHER, the SON and, the HOLY SPIRIT there will be no reality of "I AM" possible - forever.

GOD is only known in, and as, the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Any other proclamation of GOD is at best *entirely superficial*.

To know GOD, you and I have to know the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. To live through the realities of GOD, you and I have to experience GOD as the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT.

The reality of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT is Truth revealed.

GOD IS ONE as the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. It is as we see the unity of the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT, that we will become one and become an expression of GOD's Law in Testimony.

The proof of the TRINITY is when you and I come to actually love GOD and feel GOD as life "itself", so that we will live entirely by GOD in all that we do in word and in deed.

In that reality of living by GOD in word and deed, you and I will see clearly the FATHER (WHO ordains in HIS will), the SON (the WORD WHO gives meaning to everything) and the HOLY SPIRIT (WHO expresses all things in us and amongst us so that we live, move and have our being in "**I AM**"). That's how real GOD wants to be to us. We can experience vivid glimpses of this today.

One day we will entirely live by this reality; and, this reality and the glorious expression of GOD, will manifest from our very state of being as a living testimony that is a growing fulfillment of the Memorial-Name.

In this state of being we will declare in a living and growing continuum: “Our FATHER, *Hallowed* Be THY Name! AMEN!”

This is the true and faithful Witness realized, the Beginning of the creation of GOD forever. This is our Amen in response to the AMEN of “I AM” realized in the Witness of our being as one Body!

Realizing the “I AM” Memorial-Name

**“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our GOD, the LORD is ONE!
And you shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.**

And, these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart [as a reality that GOD means to fulfill in intimate personal terms]; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up [as a testimony of a total lifestyle proclaimed].

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand [meaning all that is reflected in our deeds] **and they shall be as frontals on your forehead** [meaning in all that impacts our thoughts]. **And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates** [meaning in all that makes up the testimony of our life and lifestyle].”

Until we meet again, may **“The LORD (YHWH - “I AM”) bless you, and keep you; the LORD (YHWH - “I AM”) make HIS face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the LORD (YHWH - “I AM”) lift up HIS countenance on you, and give you peace.” AMEN!**



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